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## THE END 41 TO GALLONS RYE

**OFFICERS DESTROY CONFISCATED HOOCH THIS MORNING.**

### VALUED AT ABOUT $250

**Liquor Was Taken From Raid on W. P. Jones Place Southwest Barnard Last Spring.**

With two city and three county officials, and two newspaper representatives looking on with bowed heads, and now and then trying to suppress a sob, forty-one gallons of high-powered Christmas and New Year's cheer was poured out of kegs and jugs into the sewer pipes at the city jail this morning.

It was customary procedure following a conviction of a prohibition violator that the confiscated liquor was destroyed. The hooch, known as rye whisky, was confiscated in a raid made last May on the farm occupied by W. P. Jones, four miles southwest of Barnard. The officers who made the raid, Deputy Sheriff W. W. Randall and Chief of Police Bernard Dougan, armed with a search warrant, found about 400 pounds of mash, 200 pounds of sugar, all the machinery necessary for the manufacture of contraband booze, a 20 gallon, a 15 gallon keg, a 5 gallon jug and a one gallon jug, all full of whisky.

The condenser, retort, stove, whisky and 200 pounds of sugar were brought to Maryville and turned over to the custody of Mayor W. O. Garrett, and has since May been locked in the city jail.

This morning all but the sugar and stove were destroyed, as it was ordered by the court to be turned over to Mrs. W. P. Jones.

The officials engaged in the destroying of the liquor and utensils were Sheriff Steve Roach, Deputy Sheriff W. W. Randall, Judge E. T. Bailey, presiding judge of the county court, Mayor W. O. Garrett and Chief of Police Bernard Dougan. Walt Randall was the first to use a hammer to knock the bung in on the 20 gallon keg, and turned over the keg to let the intoxicating liquid run into the sink. As soon as all the liquor was poured out the brass retort and condenser were bent up so as to be of no more use and sold for old copper bringing in $1.80.

When new the retort and condenser would cost about $85.

The thirty-five gallons of rye whisky, which Sheriff Roach said was from the first run, testing about 120 proof, would bring at current bootleggers' prices, approximately $250. The six gallons in the jugs were known as "seconds," and not as "potent" as the former.

Jones, who pleaded guilty to making the hooch, was given a jail sentence of three months. The sentence was pronounced by Judge John M. Dawson in circuit court the afternoon before Christmas.

### 2 Below at Noon; Fair and Colder

A light flurry of snow started falling at 3 o'clock this afternoon and added to the winter covering which has been on the ground for over a week.

A late radio report announced that a blizzard was headed for this part of Missouri which would make the mercury hover around 15 degrees below zero.

There will be no melting of the Christmas snow for today. The mercury that was on the rise yesterday shot down to 3 degrees below zero early this morning and by noon the weather had moderated but one degree and the official government thermometer stood at 2 degrees below zero, according to J. R. Brink, official weather observer.

The wind has shifted to the northeast and has a sting in it that makes one feel that the mercury is considerable lower than it really is.

The cold drop is general in the middle west and all of the surrounding states have zero weather today. The weather forecast for tomorrow is fair and continued cold.

The train schedule in Maryville is about back to normal today. None of the trains are running far behind time.

Mrs. Alice Lahr of Lorimer, Ia., is visiting at the home of her brother, Callie Harmon of Pickering.

### Two Bandits Get $1600 in Bank Cash

Kansas City, Kan., Dec. 27.—A man and a woman bandit kidnapped Jerry Butler, messenger for the Commercial National bank here this morning drove into Kansas City, Mo., robbed him of $1,600, and three him out of the car in the fashionable residential section of the city. The bandits escaped. Butler was waiting for a car when a man jumped out of a Ford coupe stuck a revolver at his side and forced him to get into the car. The woman drove the car.

The bandits were a week late in their holdup plans. When Butler got into the car the woman said, "We intended to put you up last week, kid, but sorry we missed you, but we were a few minutes late."

When the bandits let him out they gave him 25c carfare.

## NODAWAY CO. PIONEER DIES

**HEART DISEASE CLAIMS JOSEPH H. ALEXANDER.**

### FUNERAL TO BE WED?

**Was 74, and Lived Here for 68 Years —Survived by Wife and 6 Children.**

Joseph H. Alexander, 74 years old, a resident of Nodaway county since 1856, died suddenly about 6:30 o'clock last evening at his home near Orrsburg of heart disease. Mr. Alexander and his wife had just returned home from Maryville where they had been spending Christmas at the Lee Devore home and he was stricken upon entering the house. His death occurred a few minutes after. Funeral probably will be held at Myrtle Tree church on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. The services will be conducted by the Rev. R. E. Snodgrass, pastor of the Christian Church of this city. Burial will take place in the cemetery at Myrtle Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were making arrangements to move soon to Portland, Ore., after a residence of more than half a century in the Orrsburg vicinity. Surviving Mr. Alexander are his wife and six children. Three daughters, Mrs. Earl Crabb, Miss Gladys Alexander and Miss Blanche Alexander reside in Portland. Three sons, J. Newton Alexander of Charleston, S. Car.; George Alexander, Ravenwood; and Z. Rolla Alexander of Elmo, also survive. Newton will arrive here from Charleston Monday and Gladys will come from Portland Tuesday noon.

Mr. Alexander was born October 7, 1850, in Mercer County, his father and mother having come from Virginia and Tennessee respectively. His parents moved to Nodaway County in 1856 and purchased forty acres of land north of Pickering where they spent the remainder of their lives.

On May 9 he married Viola J. Harbison, daughter of Abraham Harbison of Nodaway County. They began their married life on a farm of forty acres which his father gave him and which is now a part of his present farm. Gradually adding to this original piece of land Mr. Alexander became one of the prominent farmers and stockmen in Nodaway County.

Politically Mr. Anderson was a Democrat but had never aspired to any office. He was a member of the Masonic order and a member of the Christian Church.

### Lamkin to Speak to Nebraska Teachers

Uel W. Lamkin, president of the Northwest Missouri State Teachers College here, will go to Omaha Monday, where he is on the program to address the annual convention of the Nebraska State Teachers Association to be held in that city. Many prominent educators from all parts of the country are on this program for next week.

### Harman of Parnell in Accordion Contest

C. O. Harman of Parnell will play in an accordion contest at KFNF radio broadcasting station at Shenandoah, Ia., tonight. The contest will begin at 6:30 o'clock. Accordion players from all over the country are entered.

Miss Mayree Bragg of Ravenwood is visiting with relatives and friends near Burlington Junction this week.

## DEATH IS LAID TO ACCIDENT

**SHERIFF THINKS ALBRIGHT'S CAR CAUGHT FIRE.**

### 'GHOULS LOOTED AUTO'

**Further Investigation Into Death of Carl Albright Indicates Accident.**

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 27.—Further investigation into the death of Carl Albright, whose charred body was found Tuesday morning about two hundred feet from the burned body of his dismantled Ford coupe, has led Sheriff E. P. Stewart to the theory that Albright was the victim of an accident instead of murder.

Sheriff Stewart's theory is that Albright's car caught fire while he was pouring gasoline into the tank from a two-gallon can, which was afterwards found in the debris. He believes Albright's clothing caught fire, causing him to dash away in a panic, and that his head was bruised and neck dislocated in a fall at the ditch where the body was found.

**Car Was Stripped.**

After the fire had died out, according to the sheriff's belief, somebody happened along who stripped the car of almost all removable parts, including wheels, axles, radiator, part of the engine, the differential, starter, carburetor and glass from the body. He believes that if Albright had any money it was either stolen by the thieves or lost during his flight.

Mrs. Martha Baugister, living on a farm less than a half mile from the scene, told the sheriff that some time after 8 o'clock Tuesday night she saw from her window, a blaze in the road and then a second blaze moving rapidly away. She called the other members of the household, Mr. and Mrs. John Rutherford and their two sons, who related that they saw two fires in the road when they looked from the window.

Oliver Harvey of Plattsmouth, who rode with Albright from Nebraska City as far as Plattsmouth, said there was a can of gasoline in the car and that the fluid kept slopping on the floor. Albright told him he carried it because of a leaky carburetor.

**Omahan Saw Burning Car**

No one has been found who can throw any light on Albright's movements during the six or seven hours he was in Plattsmouth before he resumed his trip, alone, toward Omaha.

He told Harvey he was going to stop to "get warm." He placed his car in a garage, but gave no information to either Harry Platt or S. L. Cotner, attendants there.

Frank Vallery of Omaha, a real estate trader, told Sheriff Stewart he came upon the car, burning but otherwise intact, about midnight Tuesday. Vallery stopped but saw nobody around and drove on.

Frank Krejci of Plattsmouth, a truck driver, also saw the burning car about midnight, apparently with nothing missing from it, he said.

Sheriff Stewart said his examination of the burned car body and iron parts indicated the machine had been stripped after it had burned. Where nuts had been screwed from bolts the metal was bright, he said, whereas the other parts of the bolts were blackened by smoke and flame. Melted lead evidently was from the missing radiator, the sheriff said.

### Bank of Sheridan Sues Stutesman on Notes

The Farmers Bank of Sheridan filed a suit in Circuit Court yesterday for the January term against J. A. Stutesman, et al., for the collection of notes.

The plaintiff is suing for $522, interest at 8 per cent, $39.30 for collection, and costs on the first count; $56 at 8 per cent interest, $5.70 collection and costs on the second count; and $50 at 8 per cent interest, $5.14 for collection and costs on the third count.

### Fierce Gale Sweeps England

London, Dec., 27—A fierce gale swept over England and the English channel is a seething cauldron today. Traffic across the channel was greatly disorganized and almost suspended.

**BOTTLED CHRISTMAS CHEER?**

A rumor, from a source which can not be divulged for obvious reasons, is to the effect that eight cases of good old "Christmas Cheer" 'arrived in Maryville the day before Christmas. Smack, smack! The cases were shipped via the Wabash and were billed for ——?

Whether the secret was discovered by the breaking of one of the bottles or by the label is not told by the bearer of the rumor

## INDEX EVERY WATER METER

**CARDS FOR 1,240 METERS HAVE TO BE TYPED.**

### SYSTEM SATISFACTORY

**Was Inaugurated By Mayor Garrett During His Other Term and Started in 1921.**

System plays a big part in the success of every business. So it does in Maryville city administration.

One often wonders how the individual water accounts are kept at the city hall.

If one should have happened in the city administration offices every day for the last several days one thing in particular would be noticed:

That the city clerk, Miss Merle Cooper, has been working continuously at her typewriter, writing a few words on a card board sheet, one after another, until it becomes almost mechanical.

She has been getting the water cards ready for the next two years. There are 1,240 water meters in the city and there is a card in the city hall for every water meter.

This card tells the serial number of the meter belonging to a certain property, the address, the property owner, and tenant, the location of the meter and number of the water meter, the date it was installed or changed, the curb box location.

On each side of the card are spaces for each month in the year in which are recorded the date the meter was read, the number cubic feet of water recorded by the meter during that period, the cost of the water, the date when the bill was paid, and the discount, if any. Thus, the amount of water used by each city water patron for a year or month, total amount paid during the year, and the discount given for cash before the tenth of each month.

This system gives all data on water consumed in city during the year, and the amount used by each household and business house.

The system was devised and inaugurated by Mayor W. O. Garrett when he held office during his other term, in 1921. It has proven most satisfactory, he said this afternoon, does away with a lot of waste time and is about the most convenient method he has ever seen for finding information on water consumption in a few seconds. The cards are cataloged according to numbers, twenty-five cards to a bunch, and placed in a sliding drawer placed near the desk.

Every two years the names and meter numbers of the cards have to be transferred to new cards, and this is what Miss Cooper has been busy on for some time.

Another system which Mr. Garrett has put into practice is the filing away in the different city departments all items of money paid out, during any one month. The bill presented to the city, voucher signed by the payee and returned check are filed with each individual account in each department and placed in envelopes.

**Dr. Du Vall Visits Here.**

Dr. Gertrude Du Vall of St. Charles, Mo., arrived yesterday to spend a few weeks with her parents, Judge and Mrs. W. L. Johnson. Dr. Du Vall expects to locate at Pueblo, Colo., about the first of March for the practice of optometry. Her brother, James F. Johnson, lives in Pueblo.

**Robert Earl Cummins.**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cummins announce the birth of a son at St. Francis hospital this morning. The baby has been named Robert Earl.

Mrs. Gladys Eads returned last night from Coffey, where she spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chambers.

## TAXES COME NEXT ON LIST

**MUST BE PAID BY END OF THE YEAR SAY COLLECTORS.**

### PENALTY EACH MONTH

**One Per Cent Added Each Month After Dec. 31—Payment Heavier Than Usual, According to Mrs. Thorp.**

Shades of Santa Claus! Only three days remain for the payment of state, county, and municipal taxes before 1924 expires. The new year will be ushered in with the addition of penalties to the amounts due on the old year's taxes, according to officials in the offices of the city and township collectors.

"One per cent penalty will be added for the township and state taxes after December 31," said Mrs. Bess Thorp, township collector, this afternoon. "This penalty will apply during January. During February the penalty will be 2 per cent additional on the amounts due and with each month an additional 1 per cent will be added."

These rulings given by the collector affect all 1924 taxes which are based on the 1923 assessment.

One per cent during January, 2 per cent during February and 3 per cent during March will be penalties assessed against the municipal taxes due for 1924 and not paid by the close of the year, according to George Meek, city collector.

"Collection on state and county taxes have been good this year," according to Mrs. Thorp, "and while no figures are available for exact comparison between the payments this year and with former years, it is my belief that the payments have been larger."

The two collectors, who are located at the City Hall, have had a waiting line all day and are expecting a rush period during the remaining three days by those people who wish to avoid paying the penalty.

The City Hall will be closed for New Year's day as it is a legal holiday and consequently the collectors will not work at that time.

### Rush Is Now Over at Local Postoffice

**As New Years Is Legal Holiday Will Be Observed By Local Office—No City or Rural Delivery.**

As New Years is a legal holiday it will be observed by the local postoffice, Fred French, assistant postmaster, said this morning. There will be no residential delivery of mail January 1, but there will be a business delivery as most of the business concerns in the city are open all day.

The window at the postoffice will be closed all day. However, the lobby will be open until noon, closed until 3 o'clock in the afternoon and opened again after that time. The only business house delivery will be made in the morning. There will be no rural mail delivery, Mr. French said this morning.

The Christmas mail is just about cleaned up, Mr. French said this morning, although there are a few packages that came in this morning that were late in being mailed for Christmas delivery. The mail this Christmas season is the heaviest ever experienced in the history of the Maryville postoffice, was the opinion of Mr. French. It was also the hardest to handle because of the late arrival of the trains, which brought about a congestion of mail at times, and made planning ahead for the postal employes impossible.

All the extra help at the postoffice is now taken off, Mr. French said this morning.

### Looting Soldiers in China Killed

Peking, Dec. 27.—Two hundred soldiers who participated in the recent looting of Kalgan where American tobacco and oil interests suffered heavy damage were executed according to advices received this afternoon. An official investigation has been ordered.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Rogers spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Nettleton at Lancaster, Kan. They were accompanied home by Misses Hazel and Charlotte Nettleton, who will visit here a few days.

### County Court Will Convene Wednesday

**Will Be the Last Session in 1924 and Also Last Time That Judge Walker Will Act.**

County court will convene for the last session in 1924 on next Wednesday when all the business that has accumulated during December will be disposed of. Judge E. T. Bailey, presiding judge, said this afternoon. About the only business on hand for next Wednesday is the allowing of bills, but there may be other business come up before that time. It will be the last session in which Judge Charles Walker, from the north district, will sit with the judges of the county court as his term expires December 31.

The county court will convene again on Monday, January 5. J. N. Billingsley, who was elected from the north district will take office at this time.

## FIGHT FIRE AT 32 BELOW

**BLAZE AT DULUTH IN 100,000 POUNDS OF LARD.**

### LOSS UP TO $200,000

**Sixteen Firemen Taken to Hospital—Streets and Tracks Covered With Ice.**

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 27.—Fire which started in a hundred thousand pounds of lard, raged for hours here today in the plant of John Morrell & Co., packers, while the thermometer stood at 32 below zero.

Twelve firemen have been taken to the hospital suffering from the cold and exposure. Firemen remained at their post playing streams of water on the fire until their clothing was a coated sheet of ice and had to be thawed out.

Ice three feet deep covered the streets in the vicinity of the blaze and the switches and railroad tracks were under a foot of ice. Intermittent explosions added to the difficulties in combating the fire. The loss is estimated at $200,000.

### T. J. Komer Dies at 11:45 Last Night

**Death Came to Farmer Living Four Miles Northwest of Maryville—Funeral Tuesday Morning.**

Tobias John Komer, 51 years old, died at 11:45 o'clock last evening at his home four miles northwest of Maryville. The cause of his death was heart trouble. He had been in ill health for the past four weeks.

The funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at St. Patrick's church and the services will be conducted by the Rev. Father Niemann. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery.

Mr. Komer was born in Vienna, Austria, and came to this country with his parents when he was four years old. They located in St. Joseph and Mr. Komer came to Nodaway County about eight years ago and settled on a farm.

Mr. Komer is survived by his wife and nine children. They are: Ralph, Robert, Alice, Margaret, Ernest, Norman, Irene, Charles and Evelyn, all at home. He is also survived by six brothers and three sisters, being Lant Komer of Komer, S. D.; Lot Komer, Agency, Mo.; Joseph, Anthony and Henry Komer of St. Joseph; Phillip Komer, White Cloud, Kan.; Mrs. Wm. Bergren, Clarinda; Mrs. August Woll and Harry Huffman, St. Joseph. All of the brothers and sisters will come here to attend the funeral.

### Jury Deadlocked in McCoy Case

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—The jury of nine women and three men, at noon today, appeared no nearer a verdict to decide the fate of "Kid" McCoy than when it returned twenty-four hours ago. The jury, it is reported, is evenly divided on acquittal and conviction.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Maloy of Omaha returned home last night after a Christmas visit with the latter's brother, W. P. Chaves, and Mrs. Chaves.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morrison of St. Joseph are spending the Christmas holidays with the latter's mother, Mrs. W. E. Morton.

## LINDLEY FIRED BUT WON'T GO

**GOVERNOR DEMANDS RESIGNATION OF K. U. HEAD.**

### START COURT OUSTER

**Chancellor Refuses To Resign—Davis Appoints Vice-Chancellor Acting Head of K. U.**

Topeka, Dec. 27.—Governor Jonathan M. Davis late this afternoon, appointed vice-chancellor, W. L. Burdick, as acting head of the University and removed Chancellor E. H. Lindley, who had refused to resign. There were some intimations that Dr. Lindley would refuse to relinquish his office and would make a fight in the courts. The governor refused to make a permanent appointment as he goes out of office Jan. 10.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 27.—A short time after receiving the demand for his resignation from Governor Jonathan M. Davis and the state board of administration, Chancellor E. H. Lindley of the University of Kansas informed the governor that he would not resign.

Steps are now being taken at once by the governor and the state board in court to oust the Chancellor. His term expires January 12.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 27.—Governor Jonathan M. Davis and the state board of administration today formally asked for the resignation of Dr. E. H. Lindley, chancellor of the University of Kansas.

Lindley is charged with having ignored the state purchasing board in buying supplies for the institution. General charges are that the Chancellor "played politics and ran the state university without regard to the state authorities. Lindley asked for a reasonable time to consider the demand for his resignation.

The rift between the governor and the head of the state university came to a head a couple of weeks ago following a state investigation of the suspension of two boys and two girl students at the university on charges of drunkenness. The four students were coming home from the Thanksgiving football game when their car was wrecked. An investigation of the accident indicated that the boys had been drinking. They were suspended, they allege, and had no opportunity to testify. The governor demanded an explanation from the Chancellor. When none came he called for an investigation. At this inquiry, it was understood, students gave evidence that not only had the girls not been drinking but they did not know that the boys had been. The boys admitted having had some wine. Out of this grew the inquiry which resulted in the governor demanding his resignation.

### One County Hunting Permit to Every 28.2

**262 More Licenses Sold in County This Year Than During 1923, Fred Smith Says.**

Taking the population of the county at 30,000 there was a hunting license issued for every 28.2 persons this year.

Two hundred and sixty-two more hunters bought county hunting licenses this year than in the year 1923, according to the records of the county clerk, Fred Smith.

In 1923 there were an even 800 county licenses sold at a dollar each and this year there have been 1062 permits issued.

### Mrs. J. W. Johnson, 73, Dies of Pneumonia

Mrs. J. W. Johnson, 73 years old, died about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home, eight miles west of Maryville, following an illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Johnson had been ill about two weeks. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Wesley Chapel and burial will be in Cain cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Johnson are her husband and two brothers, Isaac and Thomas Wiseman of Seymour, Ind. Mrs. Johnson had lived near Maryville about twenty years.

**WEATHER FORECAST.**

Partly cloudy and colder tonight; Sunday fair and continued cold.

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NODAWAY COUNTY.

## HADLEY URGES GOOD BOOKS.

Urging the importance of reading books as part of a liberal education, Herbert S. Hadley, chancellor of Washington university, St. Louis, had this to say in his address to students at the opening of the academic year:

"If you could get but one result out of your university course I would rather you would get a love for and a habit of reading good books than any other. With such a feeling and habit you will become educated and cultured men and women, and without them there is little if any chance of your doing so."

A strong statement to come from the head of a university; but one that experience has verified. Association with a great man is an education in itself. In books one may associate with the great men of all ages. One's field of vision may be enlarged from the limited concerns of one's own life to the wider concerns of civilization. One's imagination may be fed, one's insight into human nature deepened, one's understanding of the world broadened.

What would the average American not have given to have the opportunity to sit down for an hour's chat with Mark Twain? In the autobiography just published it is possible to do that very thing. Seated in an easy chair at home one may listen to Mark discourse by the hour on his experiences in long and vivid life and on his ideas of life and destiny.

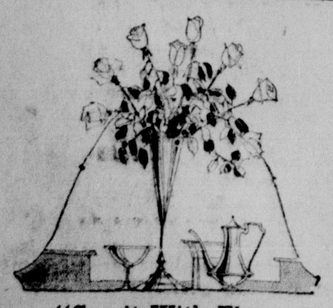
Is one interested in great newspaper geniuses? There are fascinating new biographies of Pulitzer of the New York World and Mitchell of the New York Sun. Does the character of Woodrow Wilson present mysteries calling for solution? There is William Allen White's recent study to provoke thought. H. G. Wells's "Outline of History" has been out for some time, but the compelling story it tells never grows old.

Then there are the older books that most of us have read about, but never read. An interest in Napoleon may lead to wonderful excursions into the volumes of reminiscences. Macaulay's "Essays" are still great reading. Start on John Fiske's histories or his miscellaneous writings and see how soon you can lay them down.

Books are always at command. Friends may be busy or unavailable. It takes an effort to go to the theater or the motion picture show, and one cannot go night after night. But the companionship of books never fails. The habit of reading, formed in youth will prove of increasing value with the efflux of the years.—K. C. Star.

**THE FAMILY THAT WANTS TO MAKE A REAL SAVING MUST—**

Spend less than its income.
Not buy more than it needs.
Not ask for extended credit.
Make regular payments on investments.
Be a steady buyer in a period of business depression.
Allow its money income to increase.
Save to-morrow as well as today.
Provide for reverses in business.
Insure against loss by fire and theft.
Provide for death and burial.
Begin early to save for the education of its children.
Stake its claim to a home.
Teach each of its members the value of a dollar.
Not regard saving as an end in itself.—From the Delineator for January.

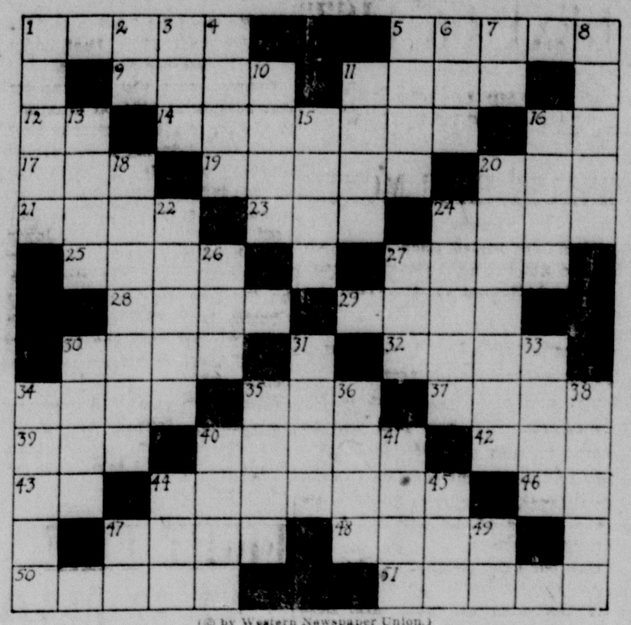


"Say it With Flowers"
ALFRED ENGELMANN
The Florist.
Phones 17.
Greenhouses 1001 So. Main.

### HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white space this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

## CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 9



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**Horizontal.**

1—Drunkard
5—Lubricated
9—Dross
11—Upon
12—Greek letter
14—Overlooks
15—Personal pronoun
17—Famous boat
19—Conserves
20—Vegetable
21—Metal
23—Part of verb "to be"
24—Costly
25—Classify
27—Man (slang)
28—Cover
29—Fine powder
30—Card game
32—Agitate
34—Look for
35—Writing instrument
37—Wood of the agalloch tree
39—Equal
40—Claw
42—Soak up
43—Like
44—Musical instrument
46—Musical note
47—Lock
48—Unit of speed
50—Slice of meat
51—Manages a publication

**Vertical.**

1—Precious stone
2—Addition to a letter
3—A high priest of Israel
4—Tatters
5—Dollar bills
6—Possessive pronoun
7—Behold!
8—Gloomy
10—To bite
11—Native metals
13—Flower
15—Egg-shaped
16—Flesh
18—One who raps
20—Writing instruments
22—Hoarse, dismal sound
24—Greek letter
26—Make lace
27—An aeroform fluid
30—Oceans
31—Snake-like fish (pl.)
33—Space
34—Masts
35—A former time
36—Corner
38—Heroic poems
40—Speak
41—Not any
44—Serpent
45—Movement of the head
47—Exist
49—Musical note

The solution will appear in next issue.

Solution of Puzzle No. 8.

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## Draft Evader Gets Christmas Pardon

Cordell, Okla., Dec. 27.—This was a truly merry Christmas for William Bowman, a farmer boy living near Bessie, Oklahoma. Through the influence of John Simpson, president of the Oklahoma Farmers' Union, President Coolidge granted Bowman a Christmas pardon from the penitentiary where he was serving a year of an original four years sentence as a draft evader.

Bowman was convicted last July. He had spent four years at his home near Bessie before he discovered that the military authorities had listed him as a draft evader. He immediately surrendered to Fort Sill.

The prosecution was backed by the Washita county exemption board and the lad was sentenced to five years in prison. But a reviewing court at Fort Sam Houston lopped off four years, declaring that one year was the limit for his offense.

**QUIT EATING BEANS AND SAVE YOUR TEETH**

Tokyo, Dec. 27.—If you would preserve your teeth, quit eating beans.

This attack upon the merits of the popular succulent lentil that made Boston famous comes from Dr. Tsurukichi Okumura, professor at the Tokio Dental College. He has made a study of the causes of decay in teeth, and, after an analysis of 150 varieties of food, he has come to the conclusion that beans are "most harmful to the teeth."

**Burned Bridges.**

The after-dinner speaker had resolved to turn over a new leaf. Never again would he address a bored gathering.

But one day he was approached by a woman who sought to have him speak before her club.

"I can't," he explained firmly. "I have burned my bridges behind me."

"Oh, in that case," she said, "I will lend you a pair of my husband's."—from Everybody's Magazine for January.

## Sports

### IS WRESTLING A DEAD GAME IN MARYVILLE?

Maryville during the winter of 1923-24 was a regular mecca for wrestlers and many were the matches held here then. Since the early spring there has not been a single professional bout staged anywhere in the city.

What can be the cause for such a falling off in interest?

Last season there were some wrestlers of no little repute brought to Maryville for matches—an instance is Pat McGill.

Will the wrestling enthusiasts be compelled to go to Kansas City this winter to witness wrestling matches? Maybe it will work out better than bringing the matches to Maryville.

However, there were several, if not as many as twenty at a time go to Kansas City last season to see Lewis, McGill, Munn and others wrestle. The money spent on such a trip by one person would indeed buy more than a single admission to a match in Maryville.

But one thing is certain, the sports editor has been informed, and that is the American Legion Post here is overly eager to sponsor the wrestling game in Maryville this winter.

## United States Is Supreme in Track and Field Events

America came into its era of greatest prosperity in track and field athletics during the season of 1924, the campaign culminating in a convincing victory of the nations of the world in the Olympic games at Paris. Individual victories were scored by the following:

200 metres, Scholz; 110-metre hurdles, Kinsey; 400-metre hurdles, Taylor; high jump, Osborne, shot put, Houser; running broad jump, Hubbard; pole vault, Barnes; discus throw, Houser; decathlon, Osborne; hammer throw, Tootell; 400-metre relay, Hussey, Clarke, Murchison and Leconey; 1,600-metre relay, Cochrane, Stevenson, McDonald and Helffrich.

America placed all four of its starters in the two sprints, Scholz and Paddock running one-two in the 200-metre dash. It also got the first three places in the pole vault, first second and fourth in the high jump and discus, first and second in the hammer throw, and first, third and fourth in the shot put.

In addition, Osborne furnished a new world record in the decathlon and a new Olympic record in the high jump; Legendre hung up new world figures, 25 feet 6 5-16 inches, in the broad jump of the pentathlon series; Morgan Taylor repeated his world record effort of 52 3-5 seconds in the final heat of the 400-metre hurdles, the 400-metre relay team stepped its distance in 41 seconds, a world's record, and the 1,600-metre team did likewise in 3 minutes 16 seconds.

Outside of Nurmi and Ritola, the Finns who scored nine-tenths of the points for that nation, America supplied the only double winners of the games in Osborne and Houser. It was a great American team that was only prevented from overwhelming its field by a series of misfortunes, notably the disqualification of Brookins in the 400-metre hurdles and Guthrie in the 110-metre hurdles, and the injury to Coa[illegible] Taylor, probably the greatest quarter-miler of the present generation.

Nurmi, of course, was the outstanding figure of the meeting in winning the 1,500-metre, 5,000-metre, 3,000-metre team race and the 10,000-metre cross-country run within a single week. He proved himself the greatest runner of all time.

Charley Paddock, who was a bit "underdone" in his training for the games was a disappointment, getting a fifth in the 100-metre and second in the 200-metre run. But he came back at the national championships at West Orange, N. J., and left no doubt in the minds of those who saw him as to his right to be rated the premier sprinter of the world.

On the occasion in question he won the 100-yard dash from Murchison and Leconey in 9 3-5 seconds, equalling his world's record for the distance. Less than an hour later Paddock ran the legs off Murchison to win the furlong by four yards in 20 4-5, equalling another of his world marks.

Running in that form in the Olympic games, Paddock would have been unbeatable and the British chant of triumph over the victory of Abrahams over our best sprinters at 100 metres would have been stilled forever.

## Bearcat Cagers Are to Practice During Holidays

With nine members of the College Bearcat squad back this morning and an additional three expected to arrive today, Coach Lawrence will start basketball training and practice again today. The workout started at the High School gymnasium at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Bearcat squad will hold workouts every afternoon during the holidays and will practice at night when school starts on January 6.

Pierpoint of Skidmore, Blomfield of Maryville, Caldwell of Jameson, Whitford of Fairfax, Culp of Ridgeway, Smith of Pickering, Cartwright of Maryville, Crane of Clearmont, and Hood of Pickering, reported for a light workout yesterday. Houston, Peoples, Joy are the players expected to report this afternoon.

## F. T. Dawson Resigns at Football Coach

Lincoln, Nebr., Dec. 27.—Coach Fred T. Dawson, resigned here yesterday as head football coach of the University of Nebraska, the board of athletics of the university issuing a statement in which it was stated that Dawson had requested to be relieved of the duties of coach that he might devote himself entirely to his work as athletic director.

It was stated that his work as football coach had caused him to give too little attention to his work as director. He will remain here at the same salary he has been receiving, it was stated at the university.

A committee of three with Coach Lawson included in the number was appointed to start to work at once to get a football coach worthy of the school.

## 1 Man Killed in Building Collapse

Kansas City, Dec. 27—One man was killed Fred Dixon, and a janitor walked to safety on a wall which fell outward in front of him, and tons of bricks and radiators were hurled into the air when a four story warehouse of Goldberg Plumbing Co. collapsed today. The building is in the heart of the wholesale district.

Jacob Goldberg, one of the owners of the building, declared an explosion has taken place before the building collapsed. Several witnesses, however, declare that they saw bursting flames after the building fell. Others say they heard nothing except the crash of the walls. Goldberg and several employees were on their way to the office but had been delayed by the weather. The loss is estimated at $125,000.

Jimmie Patterson is spending the week end with his brothers, George and Howard Patterson, near Quitman.

# DAVE HOUSEL'S NAME CLEARED

**VETERAN MARYVILLE COBBLER CLEARED OF DESERTION.**

## WILL GET $50 PENSION

**Congress Just Passes Bill Giving Civil War Veteran His Just Dues and Honor.**

(St. Joseph News-Press.)

David Housel of Maryville, lays claim to having had one of the happiest Christmas celebrations of anyone and believes that he received the most substantial gifts doled out in northwest Missouri. Uncle Sam, alias Congressman Charles L. Faust, in the guise of Santa Claus, presented Housel with a largess in the form of clearing the stigma of "deserter in the Civil War" from the name of Maryville's veteran cobbler, and granting him a special pension of $50 a month. Housel had been striving more than thirty years to have his war record cleared, and this was done when President Coolidge approved a special act of congress late Wednesday afternoon.

Representative Faust had piloted the bill for Housel's relief in congress three times, only to have it fail of final passage in the last hours of sessions. Twice it was a victim of filibustering. The bill, which is now the law, will be of great benefit to the aged veteran and his wife.

**Classed as a Deserter.**

Housel did not learn that the government had classed him as a deserter until he applied for a pension in 1894. He had enlisted at the age of seventeen, after changing the date in the family Bible which recorded his birth, in company E of the 51st Pennsylvania volunteers, September 1, 1861. He served in that company until he enlisted in the regular army, company A, 8th infantry, in 1862, where he served until the end of the war. The war records give him credit for having served three years, seven months and twenty-six days of honorable duty.

Mr. Housel became ill while on detachment duty in Baltimore in September, 1864, and went to his mother's home nearby on leave. He was confined to the bed seven months, with fever and ague, and before he was well enough to return to his regiment the war had ended. He did not think it necessary to return to his company and feeling that his standing as a loyal soldier would not be questioned, remained at his mother's home.

**To Remove Stigma.**

When Housel's application for pension was returned to him from Washington with a communication in which he was charged with desertion, he began steps to have the stigma removed. Like the proverbial shoemaker, he stuck to his last, and has ever since been engaged in efforts to interest representatives in congress from his district in his case. He finally laid the case before several friends here, among them W. F. Phares, now chairman of the Republican state committee, and they had been giving him what assistance they could.

Representative Faust was conferred with immediately after his election in 1920, and steps to clear the veterans' record and obtain relief for him were started. A bill was passed by the house Feb. 26, 1923, but a last-minute rush in the senate brought its failure.

The bill was again brought up in the last session of congress and pushed through. A filibuster, which checked all business in the final session of the senate, again caused its defeat.

The communication concerning the clearing of the war record and granting of a pension came as a complete surprise to the aged man, although he knew that Mr. Faust still had hopes of the bill's passage. Practically every representative from this district within the last thirty years has attempted to have such a measure passed.

Naturally, the aged cobbler is very happy over the news of the bill's passage. The pension, which starts from the passage of the measure will be enough to keep the wolf from the door during the brief period he and his aged wife expect to remain on earth. They have lived in Maryville forty years, and Mr. Housel is eighty-one years old.

**The Polite Witness.**

"You've heard what the last witness said," persisted the counsel, "and yet your evidence is to the contrary. Am I to infer that you doubt her veracity?"

The polite young man waved a deprecating hand.

"Not at all," he replied. "I merely wish to make it clear what a liar I am if she's speaking the truth."—From Everybody's Magazine for January.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

## Fifty Years Ago.

(Taken from the files of the Nodaway Democrat, Dec. 24, 1874).

A portion of a news story from a Barnard correspondent is as follows: Though Barnard is a young town, it shows evidences of thrift and enterprise that cannot be found in many older towns. The site of the town was surveyed in 1870 and now its population is from 300 to 500. It has several first class country stores, containing a combined stock of dry goods, groceries, clothing, boots and shoes, queensware and a general assortment of merchandise. They are liberally patronized by the people of this section because of their fair dealing, uniform kindness and courtesy towards their numerous customers.

Barnard is certainly a lively go-ahead town; its citizens are fully awake to every interest of the place, and are renowned for their enterprise, industry and liberality. Such being the case Barnard is sure to have a future of which its every citizen will be proud. Success to Barnard.

The snow that fell last Monday and Monday night to the extent of six inches, has covered Old Mother Earth with a garment of white and the sleighing is fine.

A movement is on foot to establish a Library Association in Maryville. The idea is received with much favor by our citizens, and already nearly one hundred persons have enrolled as members of the association. We need a library in Maryville and every good and public spirited citizen should give this project his hearty support.

The National Hotel barn is now being moved east some 66 feet on a firm and solid foundation prepared for it. There is a strong probability of a handsome brick hotel building being erected on the site of the National in the spring. The National property is now in the hands of live, active and enterprising men.

Changes have taken place in the ownership of certain property on the south side of the square, which will insure the moving out of the present frames and the erection, next spring of brick houses on their site. A solid row of substantial brick business houses on the south side of the square will add materially to the beauty and solidity of Maryville. All honor to those enterprising men who have the future safety and prosperity of Maryville sufficiently at heart to move out hazardous frames and erect brick business houses in their stead.

A subscription paper is being circulated having in view the building of an Advent Christian Church in Maryville. The society has already procured a desirable lot, on which to locate the church, and liberal donations of money from some of our leading citizens in the county have been made, besides the donation of labor from some of our mechanics.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO.**

The new county officials change next Monday. Those elected at the November election, except treasurer, come into the offices next Monday.

Hosea Torrance will be 71 years of age the 12th of February. He has been a night policeman for the merchants and business men of Maryville for ten years, and there have been very few nights in all that time but what he has been on duty.

We understand that W. A. Blagg and J. S. Shinabargar will form a law partnership the first of the year.

The Maryville Public School closed last Friday afternoon, school to take up again Thursday, Jan. 5. Supt. Hawkins was given an elegant office chair from the teachers. Prof. Urban received a set of French History, given to him by the senior class.

At a recent annual meeting of the Presbyterian church, W. O. Sawyers and J. A. McAnulty were re-elected as elders; W. W. Jackson and W. R. Wells, Jr., were re-elected trustees, and W. B. Scott and John Dempsey were elected as new trustees.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of M. L. Bentley to Miss Stella Steiger, to take place Wednesday, December 28, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Steiger, west of town.—Ravenwood Gazette.

Young ladies, leap year is about to close.

Among the students at Columbia, Mo., who have come home for the holidays are Misses Dot Herren, Helen Leffler, Nannie Newman, Florence Robinson, Mamie Storm, and Will Painum, Homer Croy, Forrest Donnell, Bert Hogan, John Newman and Fred Trewett.

Last Tuesday was the worst day in the way of a blizzard in the records of Weather Reporter J. R. Brink in ten years. About six inches of snow fell and there was a strong wind from the west and northwest all day. Business was practically suspended. It was one degree below zero early Tuesday morning and two below at six o'clock in the evening. Wednesday morning it was five degrees below zero. This week so far has been a hard one on people and on stock.

## Okla. Woman, 102 Saw Railroadless Chicago

Enid, Okla., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Sarah Mertz, believed to be the oldest woman in Oklahoma, is critically ill. She is 102 years old but her robust constitution is still putting up a fight against death.

Mrs. Mertz's maiden name was Setzer. She came of a Pennsylvania Dutch family near Allentown, Pa., where she was born Sept. 22, 1822. She was only seventeen years old when she married a neighbor boy, Edward Mertz, and in 1845 the newlyweds, with $600 and a prairie schooner started on the pioneers' adventure of the West.

When they passed through a railroadless Chicago, Mrs. Mertz was of the opinion that the town might amount to something but her husband laughed at her, predicting that the then more or less frontier outpost would never be more than a mudhole.

The Mertz family finally settled in Illinois near Geneseo, where they farmed successfully until the pioneer spirit started the unrest in Mrs. Mertz's heart and with her son, Lewis, now 61 years old, she started for Oklahoma in 1902. Illinois life had become "too tame and monotonous" she said. She wanted the frontiers of America as she had been used to them.

Mrs. Mertz is the mother of ten children, six of whom she has outlived. Her oldest surviving daughter, Mrs. Mary Johnson, lives at Tripoli, Iowa, and is in her 83rd year. Levi Mertz, her oldest son, lives at Downer's Grove, Ill., where he recently celebrated his 77th birthday. Mrs. L. M. Luther and Lewis Mertz, living in Enid, are "the babies of the family."

There are 12 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mertz attributes her longevity to the fact that she never overeats and has never worn a corset.

## 10c a Day Penalty for Late Car Tags

Oklahoma City, Dec. 27.—Oklahomans are being reminded that the time is at hand for the purchase of their 1925 automobile licenses. Deputies from the state highways department are sending out notices that on all cars purchased after December 15 there must be a tag saying "License Applied For," or they must have a 1925 license.

Owners of 1924 machines have until March 31 to obtain their 1925 licenses. After April 1, however, a charge of ten cents a day will be made against those who neglect to get their new numerals.

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### FOR SALE

**LEGAL FORMS FOR SALE—the following legal forms may be had at The Democrat-Forum office: quit claim deed, house leases, deed of trust, chattel mortgage with power of sale, and general warranty deed.**

**FOR SALE—One tube radio set, complete at bargain. Fisher Battery Station. 8tf**

New Tops and Side Curtains; door opening Curtains and winter tops. Satisfaction guaranteed. Farmers Auto Supply Co. D4-J3.

FOR SALE—Good dining table, sewing machine, and also an International truck. Call Hanamo 74½. 26-29*

FOR SALE—20 acre farm 9½ miles south of Maryville, good improvements, half mile from State Highway. J. M. Henderson. 26-1**

FOR SALE—5 room modern, in fine condition; located west. Price $5,500. Terms. Also 5 room, 1 lot, cellar, electric lights. $1250; terms. C. D. Allen, 119 East 4th. 27

FOR SALE—Victor talking machine. 416 So. Mulberry. 27-29*

### MISCELLANEOUS

**MONEY TO LOAN — Joint Stock Land Bank plan on farm loans. Also city and farm real estate for sale. Ed F. Wolert. D15-J15**

ROOMS for rent—modern home. 403 West First street. D2tf

**FOR RENT—2 or 3 nice warm modern rooms, furnished for lighthousekeeping or sleeping rooms. Hanamo 3625. D3tf**

FOR RENT—Three strictly first-class modern apartments. Two of them one block from business center; better get in while getting's good. Chas. Hyslop. D-10-tf.

HAVE BUYER for good Northwest Mo. farm. N. C. Case. 20-27

HEY, YOU! Shave 15c; hair cut 30c. Peggy or Jessie Smith and Steve Viles, 1st door north of Chas. Jensen's Produce House on North Market. 22-29*

TRUCKING—All kinds and any place. Headquarters at Star Barn. Hanamo 178, Farmers 130. 26-1

LOST—Weed chain for semi-balloon tire, Friday night between Maryville and Tarkio. Leave at office. 27-29

MAN, energetic and reliable, wanted for factory representative to handle our business in Maryville district; unusual opportunity, with fortune for right man; experience or capital unnecessary; write fully Syncro Motors Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

EARN $20 weekly spare time, at home addressing, mailing music, circulars. Send 10c for music and information. Co-operative Music Co., St. Paul, Minn. 27*

Excellent position open January 26th for capable, well educated woman; ex-teacher or college student preferred; salary $1500 first year; opportunity for advancement. Address Dept. C, 704 American Bank Bldg., Kansas City, Mo. 27*

NOTICE—Don't let your Mutual Benefit health and accident insurance lapse. Pay G. W. Aley at the South Side Grocery and Bakery before January 1st and receive the association's official receipt. 26-27.

## Ford Certificates Pay 14 per cent 1924

Detroit, Dec. 27.—Ford Investment Certificates, which are available only to employes of the Ford Motor Company, will pay a return of 14 per cent for the year 1924.

The guaranteed annual rate of interest on the certificates is 6 per cent. Special returns in both the first six month period, ending December 31st, increased the interest rate 8 per cent, making the total for the year 14 per cent.

Payment of interest will be made immediately after January 1st and employes who are investors in the certificates will receive interest due them in connection with the payment of wages.

## In Silence Hobart Buries Burned Dead

**Long Trench In Cemetery Filled With Charred Unidentified Bones—Others May Die.**

Hobart, Okla., Dec. 27.—A long deep trench in the Hobart cemetery is rounded over today with freshly turned earth.

It holds the bodies of twenty-one of the victims of the Christmas eve fire disaster at the Babb School house. Other freshly turned graves are the final resting place today of thirteen other victims of the fire. Of these thirteen identification was reasonably sure but where the black bones in the long trench were assembled not even the relatives know whether or not the bodies are those whose names they bore.

It was a touching climax to the Yuletide tradegy—a great funeral service at night in the hillyard cemetery under the shadows of the Wichita mountains— where shopkeepers, laborers, clerks, and bankers, all had worked in the frozen earth to make ready the last resting place of those who lost their lives. Yesterday afternoon the ministers of Hobart and the surrounding community paid tribute to the dead in a community funeral service.

At its close, at night, in the flickering lights of lanterns and by the glare of automobile lights, the caskets were lowered into the earth. All that could be done for the dead had been done.

Hobart, Okla., Dec. 27.—With at least five victims unlikely to survive the day, sixty-six injured and thirty-five dead, Hobart today planned to turn its attention to the caring of the injured and the several families, victims of the bad school fire of Christmas eve.

Funeral services for all of the victims were held last night. Memorial funeral services were held late in the afternoon in the Hobart city hall. Mrs. Walker J. Biggers is dying in a hospital and Mrs. Joe McNutt, whose daughter, Kate, rushed back into the burning school and dragged her living, but injured, from under a pile of bodies, is not expected to live through the day.

Offers of aid have been received from cities all over the United States. F. E. Gillespie said these would not be refused although Hobart was not soliciting help.

## Allison to Preach New Year's Sermon

"The Spirit of the New Year" will be the theme of Sunday's sermon of the Rev. S. P. Allison of the Presbyterian Church. The text he will use is "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another."

At this service Miss Halcyon Hooker, student and instructor in the Nebraska University School of Music at Lincoln, will give a special solo. Miss Hooker is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hooker, over the holidays.

The next thing, of course, will be to replace the ships we scrapped in the name of naval limitation.—Buffalo Enquirer.

LOST—Cameo lavaller set with pearls, between 120 East First and postoffice. Return to Mrs. Mary W. Moore. Reward. 23-26

## Market Report

Chicago, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,200.
HOGS—Receipts, 12,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 8,000.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 150.
HOGS—Receipts, 5,500.
SHEEP—Receipts, 150.

Kansas City, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 500.
HOGS—Receipts, 2,500.
SHEEP—Receipts, 500.

St. Joseph, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 100.
HOGS—Receipts, 6,000; top, $10.35; 10c to 15c higher.
SHEEP—Receipts, 2,000.

Markets one year ago, Dec. 27, 1923.
CATTLE—Receipts, 15,000; weekly average $5.75 to $12.30.
HOGS—Receipts, 60,000; top, $7.25.
SHEEP—Receipts, 20,000; top, $13.40

### TODAY'S MARKET

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| Heavy hens, lb | 13c |
| Light hens, lb | 9c |
| Heavy Springers, lb | 14c |
| Geese, per lb | 12c |
| Ducks, lb | 12c |
| Leghorn and Black Springs, lb | 10c |
| Cocks, lb | 7c |
| Butterfat, per lb | 35c |
| Eggs, per doz | 45c |
| Hides, per lb | 7c |

## Our Pet Peeve

## Pickering

O. G. Null.

Lew Taylor of Omaha, Nebr., has been visiting here for the past ten days at the home of his sister, Mrs. Minnie Epps and with other relatives. Mr. Taylor formerly lived west of Pickering but left this vicinity nearly thirty years ago.

Howard Leech a former Pickering boy now superintendent of the Rock Port, Mo., school, came over last Friday to attend the banquet given by the community in honor of the basketball team.

Mr. Leech was a member of the first basketball team organized in the Pickering school in 1908 and takes great interest in the school and its activities yet.

Miss Mildred Burks a teacher in the public school at Excelsior Springs Mo., came home last Friday evening to spend the holiday vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burks.

Miss Goldie Carmichael, a teacher in one of the Kansas City public schools arrived here Wednesday evening to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carmichael.

Eugene Crowson came down from Corning, Iowa, Wednesday to spend Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Crowson.

Miss Marie Burks, one of the teachers in the public school at Lexington, Mo., came home Wednesday evening to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burks.

Prof. W. F. Null, a member of the faculty of Missouri Wesleyan College at Cameron, Mo., came up last Monday and spent the afternoon at the home of his brother, O. G. Null. He drove to Maryville that evening and has been there since, assisting in caring for his father, Geo. W. Null, who is critically ill.

Rev. T. M. Walton and family drove to Skidmore Thursday afternoon to visit at the home of Mr. Walton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walton.

Mrs. Lester Ellis and son Dale of St. Joseph and Mrs. J. G. Buchanan of Ossawatomie, Kan., arrived here last Monday night to spend a few days at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Null and with other relatives here. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Buchanan came Wednesday evening to spend Christmas day at the Null home.

Mrs. Alice Lahr of Lorimer, Iowa is spending the holidays at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Morford and her brother, C. R. Harman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neil of St. Joseph came up Wednesday evening to spend Christmas at the home of Mrs Neil's mother, Mrs. Louisa Hinton. Mr. Neil returned home Thursday afternoon while Mrs. Neil remained for a longer visit.

The Christmas entertainment at the M. E. Church and Christian Church were not as well attended as usual on account of the cold weather. The programs given were up to the usual standard and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Henry Glines has rented his farm five miles northwest of town and last Monday moved with his family to Hopkins where they will reside next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Porter have moved from near Harmony Church to the Mrs. M. A. Lawson farm south of Long Branch, which they will operate next year. Mrs. Lawson who is the mother of Mrs. Porter will live with them on the farm.

### M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

Services Sunday December 28th as follows:

Myrtle Tree—Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. Preaching at 7:30 P. M.

Our revival service will begin January 5th. Let us plan our work so we may be free to attend these services.

We invite the public to come with us in these services.

Pickering—Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. Preaching at 11:00 A. M.

Let every member be present at these services.

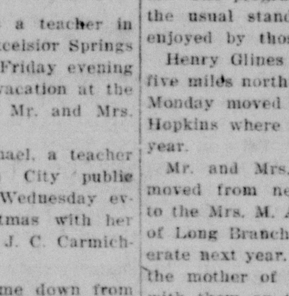
Let us close the old year by preparing for the new year.

E. W. CROY, Pastor.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Once again Christmas has come and gone. Once again hearts have been made glad by the giving and receiving of gifts, and what is much more valuable, the love and esteem of the giver. The pastor and family wish to express their sincere thanks to all those who sent the many Christmas greetings. Especially to the church for the fine leather upholstered rocking chair, found in the parsonage upon returning from the Christmas exercises, and to the Excelsior class for the fine box of chocolates.

Only one more Sunday in the year. Cannot we make this a great day? We lost 38 last Sunday over a week ago, only having 104. Let's boost it next Sunday, one and all, for two great services. The Sunday morning subject will be "Redeeming The Time."

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## Parnell

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Messbarger entertained with a Christmas dinner there being Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boedeker and family, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Day and daughter, Marie and Mrs. Anna Boedeker.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McCann and family of Ravenwood spent Christmas at the E. M. McCarthy home.

C. O. Harman will go to Shenandoah, Ia., to play in the accordeon contest tonight, Dec. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. DeFreece and daughter were in Maryville Wednesday visiting Mrs. Paul Smith, who is a patient in the hospital at that place.

Miss Frowna Geisken is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Milligan.

Miss Crystal Batson is spending the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. DeFreece entertained with a Christmas dinner. Plates were laid for Mr. and Mrs. R. E. DeFreece and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harman and daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Klaas, Miss Irene DeFreece of St. Joseph, Henry DeFreece and the host and hostess.

Harman and Messbarger installed two Stromberg-Carlson radio sets the past week. One for Dr. E. Crowson and one for Wm. Boedeker.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Scadden announce the birth of a son, Saturday, Dec. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hubbell were Xmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller.

Miss Irene DeFreece of St. Joseph spent Christmas with home folks.

Miss Kathryn Shonley of Maryville and Miss Dorothy Shonley of Red Oak, Iowa, came Wednesday and will spend several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shonley and family.

### ROYSTER ITEMS.

The students are enjoying a happy vacation this week.

Miss Ruth Finney left Saturday morning to visit her parents at Cainsville, Mo.

Elmer Johnson demonstrated a radio at Ernest Shelton's Monday night. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Thompson, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Booth, and son Jimmie, Miss Millie Logan, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson, and son Joseph.

Miss Lucile Duncan, Miss Lois M. and Herman Thompson, spent Sunday afternoon with Pauline and Kenneth Thompson.

Several of the young people attended choir practice at Wilcox Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan and daughter, Lucile, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Duncan Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Thompson entertained Christmas day. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shelton and family.

Mrs. J. W. Johnson is critically ill at her home, several have been at the Johnson home the last few days, helping care for her.

Several from the district attended the Christmas tree at Wilcox, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiland Thompson called at Lon Thompson's Wednesday evening.

### WHITE CLOUD.

Mrs. Ol Coleman very pleasantly entertained the W. C. S. N. Club at her home Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17. There was a short program rendered and the usual exchange of Christmas presents. Mrs. Coleman served a two-course lunch assisted by Mrs. Myrtle Gillespie and Mrs. Will Boyd. Mrs. Elmer Hanna will be hostess to the club January 8, at which time the semi-annual election of officers will occur. Those responding to roll call were Mrs. Lulu Ringold, Mrs. Bonnie Ringold, Mrs. Mae Rickard, Mrs. Maude Ramsey, Mrs. Lerita Hanna, Mrs. Jennie Thull, Mrs. Laura Boyd, Mrs. Alma Hutcherson, Mrs. Delia Baldwin and Mrs. Myrtle Gillespie.

Little Billy Hanna spent Saturday with his aunt, Mrs. Byron Hanna while his parents were shopping in Maryville.

Edward Turner and his pupils rendered a very nice little program Friday afternoon, after which school was dismissed for the annual Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Ringold and family attended the program Tuesday afternoon of their daughter, Miss Pauline and her pupils. Miss Pauline returned home with them for a few days' vacation.

The Joe Ulmer family have a new radio—a Christmas present for the whole family.

Mrs. Nick Thull went to Maryville Sunday evening to help care for her grandson, Russell Thull, who is quite sick.

Mrs. Roy Hider's mother and sister from Wyoming are visiting at the ranch during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown and Wesley Allen are visiting relatives in Nebraska.

## Arrest Mo. Robbery Suspect in Calif.

Chico, Cal., Dec. 27.—Chester Gowdy, suspected of complicity in the $45,000 Crystal City, Mo., train robbery, was taken to Sacramento today by postal inspectors for further questioning. According to postal inspectors Gowdy admits knowing several others implicated in the robbery but denies any connection with it himself. Officers are following up several clues and expect some of them to lead to important developments.

## German, Wilcox, Leads in Harmonica Contest

(Shenandoah Evening Sentinel-World)

With the count not quite complete, the harmonica contest at KFNF is apparently won by "Slim" German of Wilcox, Mo., with Bill Sharp of Shenandoah second.

The vote has been so heavy that the seed house girls have been about swamped on the counting, and although the voting is closed the votes are not quite all counted yet.

It is not likely however, that the remaining votes to be counted will make any change in the relative standing.

The standing of the first ten are as follows:

1. Slim German, Wilcox, Mo.
2. Bill Sharp, City.
3. Mrs. John Bast, Braddyville, Ia.
4. Bill Sharpe, Craig, Mo.
5. Mrs. Harry Brown, New Market, Iowa.
6. Mrs. Fred Flatt, Thurman, Ia.
7. Clyde Johnston, Locust Grove.
8. Mrs. Jake Bussard, Imogene, Ia.
9. J. W. Sparks, Forest City, Mo.
10. Howard Greenwalt, city.

The complete final vote with the number received by each of the contestants will be given in this paper probably Saturday.

The prizes for this contest were furnished by the M. Hohner Co., of New York City who are manufacturers and importers of harmonicas and will be sent to the winners as soon as the votes are all counted.

About 20,000 votes in all were received.

## Masonic Officers are Installed Today

**Officers of Maryville Lodge and Nodaway Lodge Officially Installed—Reece Installing Officer**

Officers of Maryville Lodge, A. F. & A. M., 165, and Nodaway Lodge, A. F. & A. M., 470, for the ensuing year were installed this morning, St. John's Day, at the lodge rooms. J. E. Reece was the installing officer and A. L. Nash, grand marshal. There was a fair-sized crowd present for the ceremonies.

The officers of Maryville Lodge that were installed are: James Smith, worshipful master; Martin Lewis, Jr., junior warden; George B. Baker, treasurer; Fred Smith, secretary; Walter Smith, senior deacon; Harry Lyle, junior deacon; and William Collins, tiler. Gleeson Womack, who was elected senior warden, will be installed later.

The officers of Nodaway Lodge who were installed this morning are:

Robert Garten, worshipful master; Harry Snyder, junior warden; E. E. Williams, treasurer; L. P. Colvin, secretary; Walter Todd, junior deacon; Forrest Froman, senior steward; R. A. Strawbridge, tiler; and I. E. Tulloch, marshal. Edward V. Condon, who was elected senior warden, and Dr. R. C. Person, who was appointed senior deacon, will be installed later.

### Announce Birth of Son.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Livenwood of Elmo announce the birth of a son yesterday morning. Mrs. Livengood was Miss Arcille Van Sickle of Elmo.

### Warranty Deed.

The following warranty deed was recorded this morning:

Orion C. and Ethel C. Groom to John H. and Della F. Pike, south half of southeast quarter, section 27, township 63, range 33, Gentry County, also south half of southwest quarter of section 27, township 63, range 33, except Wabash right-of-way and 5.68 acres, in Nodaway County for $1 and other valuable consideration.

Mrs. F. P. Houser of Grant City, who has been visiting her granddaughter, Miss Lucile Wright, and other relatives, since Wednesday night, will return home tomorrow.

**Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.**

## Don't Sell Poultry Urges Kans. Governor

**Davis Says Buyers Will Reap Profit of Low Prices Now and Urges Raisers to Hold Stock.**

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 27.—Because of the demoralized poultry market, Governor Davis of Kansas has urged Kansas poultry raisers to hold their stock until the lifting of the embargo in the East.

The governor called attention to the fact that buyers are taking advantage of the condition to buy at low prices, hold the stock themselves and reap a profit when the embargo is ended.

Kansas and Oklahoma shippers are complaining that there is little if any of the disease in their flocks and are indignant that an embargo should have been placed.

In Oklahoma, one section alone, estimates the loss to poultry raisers at hundreds of thousands of dollars. Similar figures are heard in this state.

## Jackson Sells Cattle at St. Joe Yesterday

W. T. Jackson of Nodaway County cashed two loads of 1078 pound steers at $8.75 and two loads of 1,252 pound steers at $8.40 on the St. Joseph market yesterday. Nodaway County was also represented on the St. Joseph market with shipments sent in by Ed and Ova Wohlford, M. B. Sherlock, E. Boyer, and R. T. Jackson.—St. Joseph Stock Yards Journal.

## Bedford Cow Earns $467 in One Year

Bedford, Ia., Dec. 27.—What can be done in a year's time from one good cow, in dollars and cents, has been shown by Dee Willman, of Bedford, who owns a milk cow of the Jersey type and breeding.

This Jersey cow in one year and a day made Mr. Willman $467.11. Besides this amount a family of five has been kept in milk and butter. High tests on the old milk runs about 7 per cent and the cow is now approaching the age of ten years.

## ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL NOTES

Those admitted to the hospital this week were: W. E. Nichols, New Market, Ia.; Mrs. Marshall Humbred, Barnard; A. A. Watson, Clearmont; W. H. Anderson, Skidmore; Ivan Cockayne, Maryville; Mrs. William Guyett, Tarkio; and Clifford Goodwine, Hopkins.

The following persons were discharged from the hospital: Ralph Hotchkin, Maryville; William Holtman, Ravenwood; Mrs. Joseph Jackson and son, Bolckow; Miss Hazel Salem, Mrs. John Jared, and Frank Gunson, all of Bedford; W. H. Anderson, Skidmore; Mrs. Ira Kelly, Ravenwood; Mrs. eGo. Kelly, Maryville; Mrs. James Lucas and daughter, Bedford; Miss Mattie Mareome, Maryville, and Mrs. H. W. Heaken, Maryville.

Sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Marley of Bedford, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Birkenholz of Maryville.

Mrs. Howard Wright of Grant City has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Matteson, and Mr. Matteson, since Wednesday.

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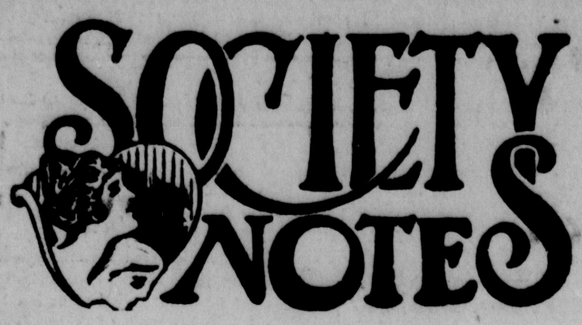


**Guild Party.**

The senior chapter of the Westminster Guild will hold its annual Christmas party at the Presbyterian Church Monday night.

**Christmas Dinner.**

Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson entertained with a Christmas dinner at their home northwest of Maryville. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bickett and daughter, Wanda Joy, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ferguson and daughter, Jean, Jimmie Patterson, and George and Howard Patterson.

**Allan Dinner Guests**

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Allan entertained with a 12 o'clock dinner today at their home on West Third street. Places were arranged for Judge and Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Seal, Miss Katie Lee Allan, Russell Allan and the hosts.

**Saxton Guests.**

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Saxton entertained with a 1 o'clock Christmas dinner at their home south of Maryville. Plates were laid for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell and son, Bobby, of Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ashford and daughter, Helen Marjorie of Quitman, and the hosts.

**For Bride and Groom.**

A party was given Christmas eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Merriett of Burlington Junction in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Bragg, who were recently married. Music, dancing and a Christmas tree were the features of the evening. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. John Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bonner, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Merriett, Misses Mayree and Sadie Bragg, Lela Wiley, Tina Merriett, and Roy Shafer, Harry Neece, Donald Crabtree, Ed Smith and Billy and Joe Carlos Merriett.

**For Miss Schenck**

Honoring Miss Katherine Schenck of Kansas City, who is the holiday guest of Misses Mabel and Helen Todd, Miss Ora Eckles will be hostess at an informal dinner bridge tonight at her home on West Torrance street. Additional guests will be Miss Mabel Wells, who is home from Shawnee, Okla., for the holidays; Miss Irene Teagarden, Miss Nell Hudson and the Misses Todd.

Miss Schenck will be honor guest at a three-table bridge party which Miss Gladys Bookman will give Tuesday night at her home on East Third street. An additional visiting guest will be Miss Jeann Sohner of Moline, Ill., the holiday guest of Miss Ruth Bookman.

**P. E. O. Party.**

The annual holiday party for members of Chapter L. P. E. O., and the B. I. L's was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Roseberry on East Seventh street last night. The hostesses were Mrs. Roseberry, Mrs. F. P. Reuillard, Mrs. J. W. Hake, Mrs. S. P. Allison, Mrs. J. D. Richey, Miss Carrie Hopkins, Miss Fannie Hope and Miss May Anthony. Somerset was played at ten tables and prizes for high score went to Miss Ora Eckles and Dr. R. C. Person. The consolation favors were awarded to Miss Della Nash and Roy Lippman. Holly and mistletoe with the red and green colors of the holiday season were used in the decorations. Refreshments were served at the game tables centered with red candles in crystal, brass and silver holders. The visiting guests included Mrs. A. A. Hopkins of St. Joseph; Mrs. J. Arthur Dillinger of St. Joseph; Miss Nellie Douglas of Los Angeles, Cal.; Miss Mary Bell of Liberty; Miss Katherine Schenck of Kansas City; Miss Della Nash of St. Joseph; and Miss Bertha Ritze of Minneapolis, Minn.

**Null Family Dinner.**

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Null of Pickering entertained at a family dinner on Crhistmas for the families of their children all of whom were present. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Null and daughter Katherine, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis of St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford E. Jones and children Louise and Howard, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Buchanan of Ossawatomie, Kan., and the hosts.

**Warner Guests.**

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Warner, 121 South Hester street, entertained with a Christmas dinner Thursday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hartman and children, Addison and Estella Jane, Leroy Stroup and son, Frankie, and Harold, Homer, Donald, Laura Ethel and Belva Warner.

**Christmas Dinner.**

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pfeiffer entertained with a 1 o'clock dinner Christmas day at their home near Pickering. Plates were laid for the following: Mrs. Mary Chambers, Robert Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. V. I. Chambers and son, Aubrey, of Ravenwood; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carter and children, Harold and Ethel, Mr. and Mrs. Don Albright and daughter, Magdalene, and the hosts and children, Glen Herbert and Doris Pfeiffer.

**Announce Daughter's Marriage.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hall of Maryville announce the marriage of their daughter, Lillian Faithe, to George Frederick Raun of Salina, Kan. The wedding took place in St. Joseph on Christmas eve. The young couple left immediately after the ceremony for Salina where they will spend the holidays with friends. After the first of the year the bride will resume her school work at New Point, Holt county. Mrs. Raun is a graduate of the Maryville High School and has attended the State Techers College. Mr. Raun has been in the employ of the St. Joseph Water Company. He is just recovering from severe injuries received in an accident at that place last July in which the bride's brother, Gerald Hall of Maryville lost his life.

**Birthday Dinner.**

Mrs. Andrew Jensen and daughter, Josephine, entertained with a Christmas dinner in honor of the seventy-second birthday anniversary of Mr. Jenson. A Christmas tree was an enjoyable after-dinner feature. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Sorenus Jenson and son, Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mitchell and children, Lela Evelyn, Joe and Ruby Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Mitchell and children, Gerald, Dorothy Nelle and Lois Marjory, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Huff and daughter, Eva Mae, Josephine and Luther Jenson, Jesse Michaelson and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jenson.

**Lasher Club Party.**

Members of the Lasher Community Club enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bailey last night. The evening was spent in games and music and in the former diversion Henry Finn was the prize winner. The decorations were in keeping with the Christmas season. Sandwiches, pickles, ice cream, cake and coffee were served after the games. Assisting the hostess in serving were Mrs. Lawrence Dean, Mrs. John Schenkel, Mrs. Homer Worl and Miss Clara Schenkel. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ager and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Schenkel, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Worl and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dempsey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Finn and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Masters and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Masters, Mr. and Mrs. William Job, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Masters and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tunell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dean, Mrs. Helen Strauch, Mrs. C. F. Parker, Misses Lucille Masters, Karle Parker, Nellie Strauch, Ella O'Grady, Eva Honer, Dora Eleanor Masters, Clara Schenkel, Hazel Schenkel, Ilene and Dorothy Bailey, Helen Dempsey, Iva Williams, Ida Tunell, Emma Gaukel, and Frank Bailey, C. O. Dean, Carrol Hogan, Don Williams, Frank Halasey, Will O'Grady, Otis and Ernest Schenkel, John Tunell, Colen and Nelson Tunell, Roy Strauch, Emery Shell, Harold Bailey, Lloyd Bailey, Ralph DeWitt, and Lawrence, Clarence and Louis Gaukel.

**Rabbit Fry at Stanfield Home.**

B. E. Truesdell's class of boys of the First Methodist Church entertained the girls' classes, taught by Mrs. William S. Larson and Mrs. C. C. Leeson, at a rabbit fry last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stanfield on West First street. The supper was followed by table games. Harold Lee Yates won the first prize and the booby favor went to Augusta Edwards. Those entertained were Misses Hazel Frede, Mabelle Price, Ruth England, Verlea James, Laura Belt, Lois Truesdell, Jessie Roach, Mabel Aley, Augusta Edwards, Edith Howard, Hildred Fitz, Linda Sheridan, Verneta Moon, Pauline Nichols, Eleanor Stanfield, Mrs. C. C. Leeson, Mrs. B. E. Truesdell and Mrs. W. W. Stanfield. The hosts were Mr. Truesdell, Donald Bailey, David Belt, Ralph Snoderly, Charles Stanfield, George Andrews, Ralph Curfman, Harold Yates, Robert Porter, Howard Bryant, Leslie Whitehead, W. W. Stanfield and Prof. C. C. Leeson. Donald Roach was an additional guest.

**Larmer Guests.**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Larmer and daughter, Virginia, entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Christmas night for Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lemon and daughter, Beatrice.

**Meet at Remus Home.**

Fourteen members attended the December meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church at the home of Mrs. C. F. Remus on West First street yesterday afternoon. The meeting opened with singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Mrs. Emma Eckles led the devotions on "Birth of Christ," reading Luke 2:8-14. Mrs. E. M. Houchens read Isaiah 11:1-4 after which all joined in the Lord's prayer. Mrs. A. W. Littler had charge of the program on "Coal Fields and Mining Camps." Mrs. C. A. McCoppin discussed the later topic and Mrs. Herbert Wamsley told of the coal fields. Mrs. C. E. Stilwell gave a review of the third chapter of the text book, "Hands That Toil." A song "Joy To The World," was the closing number. Refreshments were served after the program by the hostess and her daughter, Miss Margaret Remus. Guests at the meeting were Miss Remus and Virginia Larmer.

**Honor Texas Visitors.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cummins will be hosts at a 1 o'clock dinner tomorrow at their home on East Jenkins street complimentary to the latter's sister, Mrs. P. M. Gallagher, and Mr. Gallagher, their daughters, Mary Margaret, Kathleen and Elizabeth, and son, Tollman, of Houston, Texas. Places will also be arranged for Mrs. M. Tobin, Miss Mayme Tobin, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Meyers and sons, Daniel and Leo, Mrs. Eva Crabb of Denver, Colo., and Kieran and J. B. Cummins, Jr.

**1921 Class Reunion.**

Thirty-one members attended the reunion and banquet which the 1921 graduating class of the Maryville High School held last night at Hotel Linville. The high school colors, green and black, were used on the table and prevailed in the banquet appointments. The members were green and black paper caps bearing the inscription 1921. Miss Laura Hawkins, class sponsor, acted as toastmistress. In answer to roll call the members contrasted their present vocations with ambitions of high school days. Letters were read from nine out-of-town and other absent members. The following belated telegram was received this morning from Miss Martha Denny of Oklahome City, Okla., a former class instructor: "Wherever you are the whole year through, may the best of everything come to you." The reunion was attended by the following out-of-town members: Eugene Crowson of Corning, Ia.; Tom Faris of Manhattan, Kan.; Audren Farrar of Corning, Ia.; Mrs. Walter Nixson of Shenandoah, Ia.; Miss Martha Kennedy of Bolckow; Miss Margaret Kerr of Barnard; Mrs. Kenneth Fordyce of Burlington Junction; Miss Elna Scott of Pickering; and Mrs. Rex Kidder of Bedison. The resident members present were Harold Dowden, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett French, Ed Ferritor, Miriam Gray, Ruth Houchens, Reed Holt, Wilson McMurry, Jean Powell, Matie Price, Mabel Raines, Russell Robey, Gordon Roach, Dorothy Rowley, Annett Stiwalt, Orville Sutterlin, Russell Allan, Gertrude Belt, Marie Cloud and Cloys Appleby.

**Sorority Party.**

Pi Epsilon Pi sorority held its annual Christmas party this afternoon with Miss Virginia Robinson, Miss Elizabeth Leet, Miss Laveta Epperson, Miss Ruth Bookman and Miss Marie Cloud as hostesses. The members were entertained at bridge at the home of Miss Robinson. Prizes were given to those making low scores. Christmas tags were used as tally cards. At the close of the games refreshments were served at the home of Miss Leet on East Fourth street. The red and green colors of the holiday season were used in decorations. The favors were sticks of striped candy and a candle salad ornamented with miniature poinsettias featured the refreshments. An exchange of "white elephant" gifts was also enjoyed. The following visiting members were present: Miss Abbie Bel Colden of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Lester Hawthorne of Stanberry; Mrs. Clarence Cook and Miss Mabel Curnutt of Kansas City; Miss Alice Peery of Trenton; Miss Alice McMurry of Cameron; Miss Lula Mae Curfman, a student at the University of Colorado; and Miss Margaret Remus, a student at the University of Missouri. Miss Jeann Sohner of Moline, Ill., the holiday guest of Miss Ruth Bookman, was an additional guest.

**Partridge Dinner.**

Mr. and Mrs. Will Partridge, living east of Maryville entertained at Christmas dinner at their homes the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Partridge of St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gillilland, Miss Alma Partridge, Miss Marie Antrim, Guy Antrim and Stanley Linegar.

**Hosts at Dinner.**

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. James had as their dinner guests last evening Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coulter and son, Virgil, of Avalon, Mo. The visitors returned home today.

**Surprise Mrs. Sherman.**

Members of the T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church gave a surprise miscellaneous shower Tuesday night for Mrs. Bert Sherman at her home, 418 North Mulberry street. The class is taught by Mrs. Sherman. Refreshments were served by members of the class. Mrs. Sherman presented each member with a handkerchief as a Christmas gift. Those present were Mrs. Leo Strong, Mrs. Ed Brewer, Mrs. Will Masters, Mrs. L. L. St. Clair, Mrs. A. T. Estes, Mrs. Ernest Kessler, Mrs. Richard New, Mrs. Dowden, Mrs. Ursle Crockett and Mrs. Sherman and daughter, Arlene.

**Smith Family Reunion.**

A reunion of the Smith family held Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion F. Smith in Maryville. A basket dinner was served at noon. Those present were Otis Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kluth and son, Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Will Kluth, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Wagner and children, George, Opal, Charles and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Holliday, Otis Wagner, Aaron Reynolds, Paul Whaley, Mrs. Anna Day of Iowa City, Ia.; and the hosts and daughters, Nellie Marion, Eudora and Charlotte. A [illegible]mas tree held gifts for each [illegible] of the family.

**For Columbia Visitors.**

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Gribble and children, Margaret and Lawrence and Miss Mary Heifner of Columbia were honor guests at a 6 o'clock family dinner which Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Heifner gave last night. Additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Campbell of Barnard; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Heifner and son, Joseph; Mrs. J. J. Heifner and Miss L. Anna Owen.

**Mrs. Shockley Hostess.**

Mrs. Mary E. Shockley entertained with a family dinner and Christmas tree Thursday at her home on East Third street. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Shockley and sons, John and Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Will Ramey and children, Truman, Opal, Nina, Helen and Norma, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Moody and daughters, Hazel and Virginia Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ramey and children, Mary Lee, Arthur and Robert, of St. Joseph; and Miss Nima Lee Shockley.

**Adams Guests.**

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Adams of Wilcox entertained with a Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Shell and daughters, Frances and Rebecca, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Duncan, Miss Jennie Duncan, John Adams, Rolla Adams and Leroy Adams.

**Hainline Guests.**

The Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hainline of Wilcox were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hainline, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Hainline and children, Florence and Joe Fred, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hartsough and son, Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Bice and daughter, Neva, of Burlington Junction; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hainline of Maryville; and Raymond, Frances and Eugene Hainline.

**Entertains Star Class.**

Members of the Star Class of the M. E. Church, South, were entertained at a Christmas party at the home of Opal Holt on West Third street. Games and contests were enjoyed and each guest received a gift from the Christmas tree. Delicious refreshments were served. Members of the class present were Mrs. R. A. Mitchell, teacher; Ruth Hammond, Emily Martin, Maude Masters, Geraldine Miller, Virginia Tulloch, Lillian Ellis and the hostess. Other guests were Mary Ann Bovard, Herman Miller, Maxine Holt, Anna Mae Holt, Mabel Craig, Carl Holt and Mrs. H. S. Holt.

## Bank Hold-up Is Frustrated

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27.—For the third time in a year an effort to rob the Security Bank of Engelwood was frustrated today. When Mrs. F. E. Wheeler, assistant cashier was taking several thousand dollars from the bank to Kansas City, Mo., guarded by C. E. Cochrane in an automobile, another car loaded with six men attempted to crowd the bank car to the curb. As the other car closed in on them Cochrane shoved two guns through his car at the pursuing auto, which put on speed and dashed away. Police were notified and gave pursuit in a police car but the bandits were lost in the traffic.

## Last Official Trip for Roach Tomorrow

**Will Take Herb Mills to Jefferson City, Who Was Sentenced to 2 Years in Penitentiary.**

Steve A. Roach, sheriff, will make his last official trip to Jefferson City, when he will take Herb Mills, to the penitentiary tomorrow.

Mills was sentenced to serve two years at hard labor in the penitentiary when he pleaded guilty in Circuit Court Wednesday to the charge of forging checks.

**Guests at Cook Home.**

Miss Marie Cook of Chicago is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lena Cook, 113 South Mulberry street. Her sister, Mrs. W. H. Bunker, and Mr. Bunker and son, Eldon, of Omaha will come the first of next week for a holiday visit at the Cook home.

## Green Color of License Tags

**Ready for Sale Feb. 1—Cost More This Year.**

The new motor car license tags will be green with white numbers.

No license tags will be issued before Feb. 1, and all applicants must present a certificate of title. This rule must be complied with, no matter how long the owner has been in possession of the car.

The 50 per cent increase will be effective for 1925 licenses. The increase on Ford type cars is about $3.50 and on a Dodge type about $5.50. Ford license for 1924 cost $7, while for 1925 they will cost $10.50.

## Hamlin Moves Into the Courthouse Today

Edwin F. Hamlin, newly elected public administrator, has moved his office to the court house and will officially take up his duties on January 1. He recently occupied the office above the J. C. Penney store.

Mr. Hamlin was given his commission and gave bond of $10,000, which was approved by the county court.

## Arnon O. Cline Dies in Omaha

(St. Joseph Gazette)

Arnon O. Cline, 47 years old, a former resident of St. Joseph, died Thursday at his home in Omaha, Neb. He is survived by his widow; a son, Russell Cline, Maryville, Mo.; two daughters, Miss Mamie Cline, Maryville, and Miss Ruth Cline, Cameron, Mo.; four brothers, H. E., Norman G., and P. C. Cline, Whitesville, Mo., and Mrs. Lula White, St. Joseph. The body will arrive here at 1:55 this afternon and the funeral services will be conducted at 3 this afternoon from the Fleeman-McNeil funeral home. Rev. S. I. Myers will officiate. Burial will be at Ashland cemetery.

## $3,000 to Wife to Fight Divorce

White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Alice Beatrice Rhinelander of Rochelle, bride of Leonard Kipt Rhinelander, wealthy son of one of New York's most aristocratic families, will receive $300 a month alimony and $3,000 counsel fees pending the marriage nunulment action taken by her husband, charging her with fraud in representing herself to be "white."

The order was signed today by Superior Court Justice, Arthur S. Thompson, following arguments to motion when it was alleged by the counsel for Rhinelander that her father, George Jones, a jitney driver, signed himself, "colored," in his naturalization papers filed in White Plains.

**Buys M. A. Hahn Farm.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Doyle of Maryville have purchased from M. A. Hahn the north eighty of the Ben Howard farm located four miles north of the Burlington station. Possession will be given March 1.

Mrs. Belle Davenport and son, Donald, spent Christmas day at the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Dale Vanfossan and family of Bolckow.

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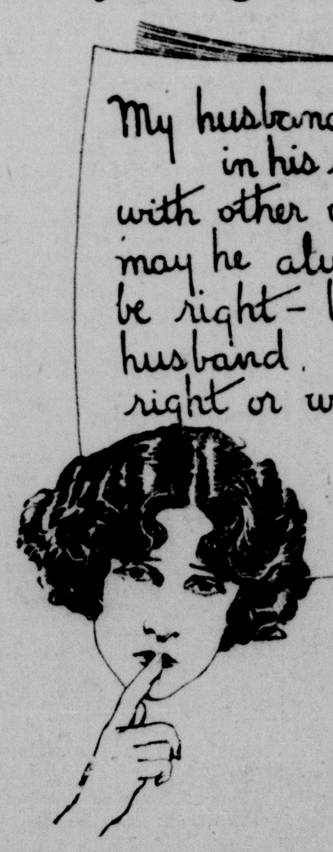
GIFTS THAT LAST
MARYVILLE, MO.

**Dr. Baker**

The Eyesight Specialist of Maryville, corrects errors of vision with glasses. U. R. Next.

Wives of today - do you agree with this?

My husband— in his relations with other women may he always be right - but my husband, right or wrong.



This was the code of one wife—a wife who knew her husband—his past—his present.

It's the basis of a drama so strong in theme that only an artist such as Norma Talmadge could portray it.

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## THE END 41 TO GALLONS RYE

OFFICERS DESTROY CONFISCATED HOOCH THIS MORNING.

### VALUED AT ABOUT $250

Liquor Was Taken From Raid on W. P. Jones Place Southwest Barnard Last Spring.

With two city and three county officials, and two newspaper representatives looking on with bowed heads, and now and then trying to suppress a sob, forty-one gallons of high-powered Christmas and New Year's cheer was poured out of kegs and jugs into the sewer pipes at the city jail this morning.

It was customary procedure following a conviction of a prohibition violator that the confiscated liquor was destroyed. The hooch, known as rye whisky, was confiscated in a raid made last May on the farm occupied by W. P. Jones, four miles southwest of Barnard. The officers who made the raid, Deputy Sheriff W. W. Randall and Chief of Police Bernard Dougan, armed with a search warrant, found about 400 pounds of mash, 200 pounds of sugar, all the machinery necessary for the manufacture of contraband booze, a 20 gallon, a 15 gallon keg, a 5 gallon jug and a one gallon jug, all full of whisky.

The condenser, retort, stove, whisky and 200 pounds of sugar were brought to Maryville and turned over to the custody of Mayor W. O. Garrett, and has since May been locked in the city jail.

This morning all but the sugar and stove were destroyed, as it was ordered by the court to be turned over to Mrs. W. P. Jones.

The officials engaged in the destroying of the liquor and utensils were Sheriff Steve Roach, Deputy Sheriff W. W. Randall, Judge E. T. Bailey, presiding judge of the county court, Mayor W. O. Garrett and Chief of Police Bernard Dougan. Walt Randall was the first to use a hammer to knock the bung in on the 20 gallon keg, and turned over the keg to let the intoxicating liquid run into the sink. As soon as all the liquor was poured out the brass retort and condenser were bent up so as to be of no more use and sold for old copper bringing in $1.80.

When new the retort and condenser would cost about $85.

The thirty-five gallons of rye whisky, which Sheriff Roach said was from the first run, testing about 120 proof, would bring at current bootleggers' prices, approximately $250. The six gallons in the jugs were known as "seconds," and not as "potent" as the former.

Jones, who pleaded guilty to making the hooch, was given a jail sentence of three months. The sentence was pronounced by Judge John M. Dawson in circuit court the afternoon before Christmas.

### 2 Below at Noon; Fair and Colder

A light flurry of snow started falling at 3 o'clock this afternoon and added to the winter covering which has been on the ground for over a week.

A late radio report announced that a blizzard was headed for this part of Missouri which would make the mercury hover around 15 degrees below zero.

There will be no melting of the Christmas snow for today. The mercury that was on the rise yesterday shot down to 3 degrees below zero early this morning and by noon the weather had moderated but one degree and the official government thermometer stood at 2 degrees below zero, according to J. R. Brink, official weather observer.

The wind has shifted to the northeast and has a sting in it that makes one feel that the mercury is considerable lower than it really is.

The cold drop is general in the middle west and all of the surrounding states have zero weather today. The weather forecast for tomorrow is fair and continued cold.

The train schedule in Maryville is about back to normal today. None of the trains are running far behind time.

Mrs. Alice Lahr of Lorimer, Ia., is visiting at the home of her brother, Callie Harmon of Pickering.

### Two Bandits Get $1600 in Bank Cash

Kansas City, Kan., Dec. 27.—A man and a woman bandit kidnapped Jerry Butler, messenger for the Commercial National bank here this morning drove into Kansas City, Mo., robbed him of $1,600, and three him out of the car in the fashionable residential section of the city. The bandits escaped. Butler was waiting for a car when a man jumped out of a Ford coupe stuck a revolver at his side and forced him to get into the car. The woman drove the car.

The bandits were a week late in their holdup plans. When Butler got into the car the woman said, "We intended to put you up last week, kid, but sorry we missed you, but we were a few minutes late."

When the bandits let him out they gave him 25c carfare.

## NODAWAY CO. PIONEER DIES

HEART DISEASE CLAIMS JOSEPH H. ALEXANDER.

### FUNERAL TO BE WED?

Was 74, and Lived Here for 68 Years —Survived by Wife and 6 Children.

Joseph H. Alexander, 74 years old, a resident of Nodaway county since 1856, died suddenly about 6:30 o'clock last evening at his home near Orrsburg of heart disease. Mr. Alexander and his wife had just returned home from Maryville where they had been spending Christmas at the Lee Devore home and he was stricken upon entering the house. His death occurred a few minutes after. Funeral probably will be held at Myrtle Tree church on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. The services will be conducted by the Rev. R. E. Snodgrass, pastor of the Christian Church of this city. Burial will take place in the cemetery at Myrtle Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were making arrangements to move soon to Portland, Ore., after a residence of more than half a century in the Orrsburg vicinity. Surviving Mr. Alexander are his wife and six children. Three daughters, Mrs. Earl Crabb, Miss Gladys Alexander and Miss Blanche Alexander reside in Portland. Three sons, J. Newton Alexander of Charleston, S. Car.; George Alexander, Ravenwood; and Z. Rolla Alexander of Elmo, also survive. Newton will arrive here from Charleston Monday and Gladys will come from Portland Tuesday noon.

Mr. Alexander was born October 7, 1850, in Mercer County, his father and mother having come from Virginia and Tennessee respectively. His parents moved to Nodaway County in 1856 and purchased forty acres of land north of Pickering where they spent the remainder of their lives.

On May 9 he married Viola J. Harbison, daughter of Abraham Harbison of Nodaway County. They began their married life on a farm of forty acres which his father gave him and which is now a part of his present farm. Gradually adding to this original piece of land Mr. Alexander became one of the prominent farmers and stockmen in Nodaway County.

Politically Mr. Anderson was a Democrat but had never aspired to any office. He was a member of the Masonic order and a member of the Christian Church.

### LamKin to SpeaK to Nebraska Teachers

Uel W. Lamkin, president of the Northwest Missouri State Teachers College here, will go to Omaha Monday, where he is on the program to address the annual convention of the Nebraska State Teachers Association to be held in that city. Many prominent educators from all parts of the country are on this program for next week.

### Harman of Parnell in Accordion Contest

C. O. Harman of Parnell will play in an accordion contest at KFNF radio broadcasting station at Shenandoah, Ia., tonight. The contest will begin at 6:30 o'clock. Accordion players from all over the country are entered.

Miss Mayree Bragg of Ravenwood is visiting with relatives and friends near Burlington Junction this week.

## DEATH IS LAID TO ACCIDENT

SHERIFF THINKS ALBRIGHT'S CAR CAUGHT FIRE.

### 'GHOULS LOOTED AUTO'

Further Investigation Into Death of Carl Albright Indicates Accident.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 27.—Further investigation into the death of Carl Albright, whose charred body was found Tuesday morning about two hundred feet from the burned body of his dismantled Ford coupe, has led Sheriff E. P. Stewart to the theory that Albright was the victim of an accident instead of murder.

Sheriff Stewart's theory is that Albright's car caught fire while he was pouring gasoline into the tank from a two-gallon can, which was afterwards found in the debris. He believes Albright's clothing caught fire, causing him to dash away in a panic, and that his head was bruised and neck dislocated in a fall at the ditch where the body was found.

**Car Was Stripped.**

After the fire had died out, according to the sheriff's belief, somebody happened along who stripped the car of almost all removable parts, including wheels, axles, radiator, part of the engine, the differential, starter, carburetor and glass from the body. He believes that if Albright had any money it was either stolen by the thieves or lost during his flight.

Mrs. Martha Baumister, living on a farm less than a half mile from the scene, told the sheriff that some time after 8 o'clock Tuesday night she saw from her window, a blaze in the road and then a second blaze moving rapidly away. She called the other members of the household, Mr. and Mrs. John Rutherford and their two sons, who related that they saw two fires in the road when they looked from the window.

Oliver Harvey of Phatsmouth, who rode with Albright from Nebraska City as far as Plattsmouth, said there was a can of gasoline in the car and that the fluid kept sloshing on the floor. Albright told him he carried it because of a leaky carburetor.

**Omahan Saw Burning Car**

No one has been found who can throw any light on Albright's movements during the six or seven hours he was in Plattsmouth before he resumed his trip, alone, toward Omaha.

He told Harvey he was going to stop to "get warm." He pinced his car in a garage, but gave no information to either Harry Platt or S. L. Cotner, attendants there.

Frank Vallery of Omaha, a real estate trader, told Sheriff Stewart he came upon the car, burning but otherwise intact, about midnight Tuesday. Vallery stopped but saw nobody around and drove on.

Frank Krejci of Plattsmouth, a truck driver, also saw the burning car about midnight, apparently with nothing missing from it, he said.

Sheriff Stewart said his examination of the burned car body and iron parts indicated the machine had been stripped after it had burned. Where nuts had been screwed from bolts the metal was bright, he said, whereas the other parts of the bolts were blackened by smoke and flame. Melted lead evidently was from the missing radiator, the sheriff said.

### Bank of Sheridan Sues Stutesman on Notes

The Farmers Bank of Sheridan filed a suit in Circuit Court yesterday for the January term against J. A. Stutesman, et al., for the collection of notes.

The plaintiff is suing for $522, interest at 8 per cent, $39.30 for collection, and costs on the first count; $56 at 8 per cent interest, $5.70 collection and costs on the second count; and $50 at 8 per cent interest, $5.14 for collection and costs on the third count.

### Fierce Gale Sweeps England

London, Dec. 27—A fierce gale swept over England and the English channel is a seething cauldron today. Traffic across the channel was greatly disorganized and almost suspended.

**BOTTLED CHRISTMAS CHEER?**

A rumor, from a source which can not be divulged for obvious reasons, is to the effect that eight cases of good old "Christmas Cheer" 'arrived in Maryville the day before Christmas. Smack, smack! The cases were shipped via the Wabash and were billed for ——?

Whether the secret was discovered by the breaking of one of the bottles or by the label is not told by the bearer of the rumor

## INDEX EVERY WATER METER

CARDS FOR 1,240 METERS HAVE TO BE TYPED.

### SYSTEM SATISFACTORY

Was Inaugurated By Mayor Garrett During His Other Term and Started in 1921.

System plays a big part in the success of every business. So it does in Maryville city administration.

One often wonders how the individual water accounts are kept at the city hall.

If one should have happened in the city administration offices every day for the last several days one thing in particular would be noticed:

That the city clerk, Miss Merle Cooper, has been working continuously at her typewriter, writing a few words on a card board sheet, one after another, until it becomes almost mechanical.

She has been getting the water cards ready for the next two years. There are 1,240 water meters in the city and there is a card in the city hall for every water meter.

This card tells the serial number of the meter belonging to a certain property, the address, the property owner, and tenant, the location of the meter and number of the water meter, the date it was installed or changed, the curb box location.

On each side of the card are spaces for each month in the year in which are recorded the date the meter was read, the number cubic feet of water recorded by the meter during that period, the cost of the water, the date when the bill was paid, and the discount, if any. Thus, the amount of water used by each city water patron for a year or month, total amount paid during the year, and the discount given for cash before the tenth of each month.

This system gives all data on water consumed in city during the year, and the amount used by each household and business house.

The system was devised and inaugurated by Mayor W. O. Garrett when he held office during his other term, in 1921. It has proven most satisfactory, he said this afternoon, does away with a lot of waste time and is about the most convenient method he has ever seen for finding information on water consumption in a few seconds. The cards are cataloged according to numbers, twenty-five cards to a bunch, and placed in a sliding drawer placed near the desk.

Every two years the names and meter numbers of the cards have to be transferred to new cards, and this is what Miss Cooper has been busy on for some time.

Another system which Mr. Garrett has put into practice is the filing away in the different city departments all items of money paid out, during any one month. The bill presented to the city, voucher signed by the payee and returned check are filed with each individual account in each department and placed in envelopes.

**Dr. Du Vall Visits Here.**

Dr. Gertrude Du Vall of St. Charles, Mo., arrived yesterday to spend a few weeks with her parents, Judge and Mrs. W. L. Johnson. Dr. Du Vall expects to locate at Pueblo, Colo., about the first of March for the practice of optometry. Her brother, James F. Johnson, lives in Pueblo.

**Robert Earl Cummins.**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cummins announce the birth of a son at St. Francis hospital this morning. The baby has been named Robert Earl.

Mrs. Gladys Eads returned last night from Coffey, where she spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chambers.

## TAXES COME NEXT ON LIST

MUST BE PAID BY END OF THE YEAR SAY COLLECTORS.

### PENALTY EACH MONTH

One Per Cent Added Each Month After Dec. 31—Payment Heavier Than Usual, According to Mrs. Thorp.

Shades of Santa Claus! Only three days remain for the payment of state, county, and municipal taxes before 1924 expires. The new year will be ushered in with the addition of penalties to the amounts due on the old year's taxes, according to officials in the offices of the city and township collectors.

"One per cent penalty will be added for the township and state taxes after December 31," said Mrs. Bess Thorp, township collector, this afternoon. "This penalty will apply during January. During February the penalty will be 2 per cent additional on the amounts due and with each month an additional 1 per cent will be added."

These rulings given by the collector affect all 1924 taxes which are based on the 1923 assessment.

One per cent during January, 2 per cent during February and 3 per cent during March will be penalties assessed against the municipal taxes due for 1924 and not paid by the close of the year, according to George Meek, city collector.

"Collection on state and county taxes have been good this year," according to Mrs. Thorp, "and while no figures are available for exact comparison between the payments this year and with former years, it is my belief that the payments have been larger."

The two collectors, who are located at the City Hall, have had a waiting line all day and are expecting a rush period during the remaining three days by those people who wish to avoid paying the penalty.

The City Hall will be closed for New Year's day as it is a legal holiday and consequently the collectors will not work at that time.

### Rush Is Now Over at Local Postoffice

As New Years Is Legal Holiday Will Be Observed By Local Office—No City or Rural Delivery.

As New Years is a legal holiday it will be observed by the local postoffice, Fred French, assistant postmaster, said this morning. There will be no residential delivery of mail January 1, but there will be a business delivery as most of the business concerns in the city are open all day.

The window at the postoffice will be closed all day. However, the lobby will be open until noon, closed until 3 o'clock in the afternoon and opened again after that time. The only business house delivery will be made in the morning. There will be no rural mail delivery, Mr. French said this morning.

The Christmas mail is just about cleaned up, Mr. French said this morning, although there are a few packages that came in this morning that were late in being mailed for Christmas delivery. The mail this Christmas season is the heaviest ever experienced in the history of the Maryville postoffice, was the opinion of Mr. French. It was also the hardest to handle because of the late arrival of the trains, which brought about a congestion of mail at times, and made planning ahead for the postal employes impossible.

All the extra help at the postoffice is now taken off, Mr. French said this morning.

### Looting Soldiers in China Killed

Peking, Dec. 27.—Two hundred soldiers who participated in the recent looting of Kalgan where American tobacco and oil interests suffered heavy damage were executed according to advices received this afternoon. An official investigation has been ordered.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Rogers spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Nettleton at Lancaster, Kan. They were accompanied home by Misses Hazel and Charlotte Nettleton, who will visit here a few days.

### County Court Will Convene Wednesday

Will Be the Last Session in 1924 and Also Last Time That Judge Walker Will Act.

County court will convene for the last session in 1924 on next Wednesday when all the business that has accumulated during December will be disposed of. Judge E. T. Bailey, presiding judge, said this afternoon. About the only business on hand for next Wednesday is the allowing of bills, but there may be other business come up before that time. It will be the last session in which Judge Charles Walker, from the north district, will sit with the judges of the county court as his term expires December 31.

The county court will convene again on Monday, January 5. J. N. Billingsley, who was elected from the north district will take office at this time.

## FIGHT FIRE AT 32 BELOW

BLAZE AT DULUTH IN 100,000 POUNDS OF LARD.

### LOSS UP TO $200,000

Sixteen Firemen Taken to Hospital—Streets and Tracks Covered With Ice.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 27.—Fire which started in a hundred thousand pounds of lard, raged for hours here today in the plant of John Morrell & Co., packers, while the thermometer stood at 32 below zero.

Twelve firemen have been taken to the hospital suffering from the cold and exposure. Firemen remained at their post playing streams of water on the fire until their clothing was a coated sheet of ice and had to be thawed out.

Ice three feet deep covered the streets in the vicinity of the blaze and the switches and railroad tracks were under a foot of ice. Intermittent explosions added to the difficulties in combating the fire. The loss is estimated at $200,000.

### T. J. Komer Dies at 11:45 Last Night

Death Came to Farmer Living Four Miles Northwest of Maryville—Funeral Tuesday Morning.

Tobias John Komer, 51 years old, died at 11:45 o'clock last evening at his home four miles northwest of Maryville. The cause of his death was heart trouble. He had been in ill health for the past four weeks.

The funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at St. Patrick's church and the services will be conducted by the Rev. Father Niemann. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery.

Mr. Komer was born in Vienna, Austria, and came to this country with his parents when he was four years old. They located in St. Joseph and Mr. Komer came to Nodaway County about eight years ago and settled on a farm.

Mr. Komer is survived by his wife and nine children. They are: Ralph, Robert, Alice, Margaret, Ernest, Norman, Irene, Charles and Evelyn, all at home. He is also survived by six brothers and three sisters, being Lant Komer of Komer, S. D.; Lot Komer, Agency, Mo.; Joseph, Anthony and Henry Komer of St. Joseph; Phillip Komer, White Cloud, Kan.; Mrs. Wm. Bergren, Clarinda; Mrs. August Woll and Harry Huffman, St. Joseph. All of the brothers and sisters will come here to attend the funeral.

### Jury Deadlocked in McCoy Case

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—The jury of nine women and three men, at noon today, appeared no nearer a verdict to decide the fate of "Kid" McCoy than when it returned twenty-four hours ago. The jury, it is reported, is evenly divided on acquittal and conviction.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Maloy of Omaha returned home last night after a Christmas visit with the latter's brother, W. F. Chaves, and Mrs. Chaves.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morrison of St. Joseph are spending the Christmas holidays with the latter's mother, Mrs. W. E. Morton.

## LINDLEY FIRED BUT WON'T GO

GOVERNOR DEMANDS RESIGNATION OF K. U. HEAD.

### START COURT OUSTER

Chancellor Refuses To Resign—Davis Appoints Vice-Chancellor Acting Head of K. U.

Topeka, Dec. 27.—Governor Jonathan M. Davis late this afternoon, appointed vice-chancellor, W. L. Burdick, as acting head of the University and removed Chancellor E. H. Lindley, who had refused to resign. There were some intimations that Dr. Lindley would refuse to relinquish his office and would make a fight in the courts. The governor refused to make a permanent appointment as he goes out of office Jan. 10.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 27.—A short time after receiving the demand for his resignation from Governor Jonathan M. Davis and the state board of administration, Chancellor E. H. Lindley of the University of Kansas informed the governor that he would not resign.

Steps are now being taken at once by the governor and the state board in court to oust the Chancellor. His term expires January 12.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 27.—Governor Jonathan M. Davis and the state board of administration today formally asked for the resignation of Dr. E. H. Lindley, chancellor of the University of Kansas.

Lindley is charged with having ignored the state purchasing board in buying supplies for the institution. General charges are that the Chancellor "played politics and ran the state university without regard to the state authorities." Lindley asked for a reasonable time to consider the demand for his resignation.

The rift between the governor and the head of the state university came to a head a couple of weeks ago following a state investigation of the suspension of two boys and two girl students at the university on charges of drunkenness. The four students were coming home from the Thanksgiving football game when their car was wrecked. An investigation of the accident indicated that the boys had been drinking. They were suspended, they allege, and had no opportunity to testify. The governor demanded an explanation from the Chancellor. When none came he called for an investigation. At this inquiry, it was understood, students gave evidence that not only had the girls not been drinking but they did not know that the boys had been. The boys admitted having had some wine. Out of this grew the inquiry which resulted in the governor demanding his resignation.

### One County Hunting Permit to Every 28.2

262 More Licenses Sold in County This Year Than During 1923, Fred Smith Says.

Taking the population of the county at 30,000 there was a hunting license issued for every 28.2 persons this year.

Two hundred and sixty-two more hunters bought county hunting licenses this year than in the year 1923, according to the records of the county clerk, Fred Smith.

In 1923 there were an even 800 county licenses sold at a dollar each and this year there have been 1062 permits issued.

### Mrs. J. W. Johnson, 73, Dies of Pneumonia

Mrs. J. W. Johnson, 73 years old, died about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home, eight miles west of Maryville, following an illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Johnson had been ill about two weeks. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Wesley Chapel and burial will be in Cain cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Johnson are her husband and two brothers, Isaac and Thomas Wiseman of Seymour, Ind. Mrs. Johnson had lived near Maryville about twenty years.

**WEATHER FORECAST.**

Partly cloudy and colder tonight; Sunday fair and continued cold.

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NODAWAY COUNTY.

## HADLEY URGES GOOD BOOKS.

Urging the importance of reading books as part of a liberal education, Herbert S. Hadley, chancellor of Washington university, St. Louis, had this to say in his address to students at the opening of the academic year:

"If you could get but one result out of your university course I would rather you would get a love for and a habit of reading good books than any other. With such a feeling and habit you will become educated and cultured men and women, and without them there is little if any chance of your doing so."

A strong statement to come from the head of a university; but one that experience has verified. Association with a great man is an education in itself. In books one may associate with the great men of all ages. One's field of vision may be enlarged from the limited concerns of one's own life to the wider concerns of civilization. One's imagination may be fed, one's insight into human nature deepened, one's understanding of the world broadened.

What would the average American not have given to have the opportunity to sit down for an hour's chat with Mark Twain? In the autobiography just published it is possible to do that very thing. Seated in an easy chair at home one may listen to Mark discourse by the hour on his experiences in long and vivid life and on his ideas of life and destiny.

Is one interested in great newspaper geniuses? There are fascinating new biographies of Pulitzer of the New York World and Mitchell of the New York Sun. Does the character of Woodrow Wilson present mysteries calling for solution? There is William Allen White's recent study to provoke thought. H. G. Wells's "Outline of History" has been out for some time, but the compelling story it tells never grows old.

Then there are the older books that most of us have read about, but never read. An interest in Napoleon may lead to wonderful excursions into the volumes of reminiscences. Macaulay's "Essays" are still great reading. Start on John Fiske's histories or his miscellaneous writings and see how soon you can lay them down.

Books are always at command. Friends may be busy or unavailable. It takes an effort to go to the theater or the motion picture show, and one cannot go night after night. But the companionship of books never fails. The habit of reading, formed in youth will prove of increasing value with the efflux of the years.—K. C. Star.

### THE FAMILY THAT WANTS TO MAKE A REAL SAVING MUST—

Spend less than its income.
Not buy more than it needs.
Not ask for extended credit.
Make regular payments on investments.
Be a steady buyer in a period of business depression.
Allow its money income to increase.
Save to-morrow as well as today.
Provide for reverses in business.
Insure against loss by fire and theft.
Provide for death and burial.
Begin early to save for the education of its children.
Stake its claim to a home.
Teach each of its members the value of a dollar.
Not regard saving as an end in itself.—From the Delineator for January.

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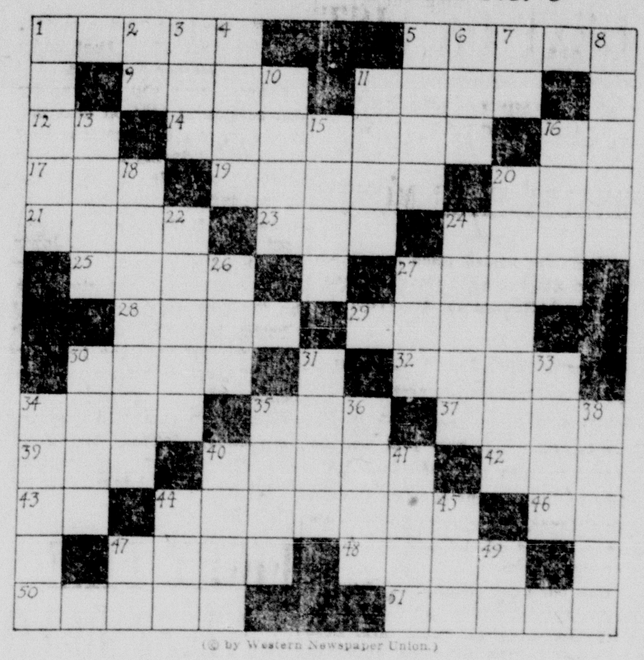
### HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white space this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

## CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 9



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**Horizontal.**

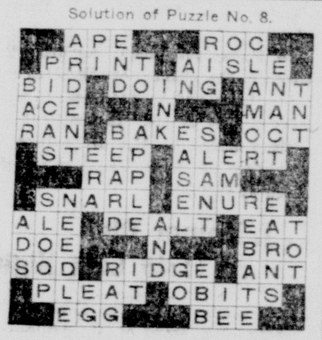
1—Drunkard
5—Lubricated
9—Dross
11—Upon
12—Greek letter
14—Overlooks
15—Personal pronoun
17—Famous boat
19—Conserves
20—Vegetable
21—Metal
23—Part of verb "to be"
24—Coslly
25—Classify
27—Man (slang)
28—Cover
29—Fine powder
30—Card game
32—Agitate
34—Look for
35—Writing instrument
37—Wood of the agalloch tree
39—Equal
40—Clay
42—Soak up
43—Like
44—Musical instrument
46—Musical note
47—Lock
48—Unit of speed
50—Slice of meat
51—Manages a publication

**Vertical.**

1—Precious stone
2—Addition to a letter
3—A high priest of Israel
4—Tatters
5—Dollar bills
6—Possessive pronoun
7—Behold!
8—Gloomy
10—To bite
11—Native metals
13—Flower
15—Egg-shaped
16—Flesh
18—One who raps
20—Writing instruments
22—Hoarse, dismal sound
24—Greek letter
26—Make lace
27—An aeroform fluid
30—Oceans
31—Snake-like fish (pl.)
33—Space
34—Masts
35—A former time
36—Corner
38—Heroic poems
40—Speak
41—Not any
44—Serpent
45—Movement of the head
47—Exist
49—Musical note

The solution will appear in next issue.

Solution of Puzzle No. 8.



## Draft Evader Gets Christmas Pardon

Cordell, Okla., Dec. 27.—This was a truly merry Christmas for William Bowman, a farmer boy living near Bessie, Oklahoma. Through the influence of John Simpson, president of the Oklahoma Farmers' Union, President Coolidge granted Bowman a Christmas pardon from the penitentiary where he was serving a year of an original four years sentence as a draft evader.

Bowman was convicted last July. He had spent four years at his home near Bessie before he discovered that the military authorities had listed him as a draft evader. He immediately surrendered to Fort Sill.

The prosecution was backed by the Washita county exemption board and the lad was sentenced to five years in prison. But a reviewing court at Fort Sam Houston lopped off four years, declaring that one year was the limit for his offense.

### QUIT EATING BEANS AND SAVE YOUR TEETH

Tokyo, Dec. 27.—If you would preserve your teeth, quit eating beans.

This attack upon the merits of the popular succulent lentil that made Boston famous comes from Dr. Tsurukichi Okumura, professor at the Tokio Dental College. He has made a study of the causes of decay in teeth, and, after an analysis of 150 varieties of food, he has come to the conclusion that beans are "most harmful to the teeth."

### Burned Bridges.

The after-dinner speaker had resolved to turn over a new leaf. Never again would he address a bored gathering.

But one day he was approached by a woman who sought to have him speak before her club.

"I can't," he explained firmly. "I have burned my bridges behind me."

"Oh, in that case," she said, "I will lend you a pair of my husband's."—from Everybody's Magazine for January.

## Sports

### IS WRESTLING A DEAD GAME IN MARYVILLE?

Maryville during the winter of 1923-24 was a regular mecca for wrestlers and many were the matches held here then. Since the early spring there has not been a single professional bout staged anywhere in the city.

What can be the cause for such a falling off in interest?

Last season there were some wrestlers of no little repute brought to Maryville for matches—an instance is Pat McGill.

Will the wrestling enthusiasts be compelled to go to Kansas City this winter to witness wrestling matches? Maybe it will work out better than bringing the matches to Maryville.

However, there were several, if not as many as twenty at a time go to Kansas City last season to see Lewis, McGill, Munn and others wrestle. The money spent on such a trip by one person would indeed buy more than a single admission to a match in Maryville.

But one thing is certain, the sports editor has been informed, and that is the American Legion Post here is overly eager to sponsor the wrestling game in Maryville this winter.

## United States Is Supreme in Track and Field Events

America came into its era of greatest prosperity in track and field athletics during the season of 1924, the campaign culminating in a convincing victory of the nations of the world in the Olympic games at Paris. Individual victories were scored by the following:

200 metres, Scholz; 110-metre hurdles, Kinsey; 400-metre hurdles, Taylor; high jump, Osborne, shot put, Houser; running broad jump, Hubbard; pole vault, Barnes; discus throw, Houser; decathlon, Osborne; hammer throw, Tootell; 400-metre relay, Hussey, Clarke, Murchison and Leconey; 1,600-metre relay, Cochrane, Stevenson, McDonald and Helffrich.

America placed all four of its starters in the two sprints, Scholz and Paddock running one-two in the 200-metre dash. It also got the first three places in the pole vault, first second and fourth in the high jump and discus, first and second in the hammer throw, and first, third and fourth in the shot put.

In addition, Osborne furnished a new world record in the decathlon and a new Olympic record in the high jump; Legendre hung up new world figures, 25 feet 6 5-16 inches, in the broad jump of the pentathlon series; Morgan Taylor repeated his world record effort of 52 3-5 seconds in the final heat of the 400-metre hurdles, the 400-metre relay team stepped its distance in 41 seconds, a world's record, and the 1,600-metre team did likewise in 3 minutes 16 seconds.

Outside of Nurmi and Ritola, the Finns who scored nine-tenths of the points for that nation, America supplied the only double winners of the games in Osborne and Houser. It was a great American team that was only prevented from overwhelming its field by a series of misfortunes, notably the disqualification of Brookins in the 400-metre hurdles and Guthrie in the 110-metre hurdles, and the injury to Coo[illegible] Taylor, probably the greatest quarter-miler of the present generation.

Nurmi, of course, was the outstanding figure of the meeting in winning the 1,500-metre, 5,000-metre, 3,000-metre team race and the 10,000-metre cross-country run within a single week. He proved himself the greatest runner of all time.

Charley Paddock, who was a bit "underdone" in his training for the games was a disappointment, getting a fifth in the 100-metre and second in the 200-metre run. But he came back at the national championships at West Orange, N. J., and left no doubt in the minds of those who saw him as to his right to be rated the premier sprinter of the world.

On the occasion in question he won the 100-yard dash from Murchison and Leconey in 9 3-5 seconds, equalling his world's record for the distance. Less than an hour later Paddock ran the legs off Murchison to win the furlong by four yards in 20 4-5, equalling another of his world marks.

Running in that form in the Olympic games, Paddock would have been unbeatable and the British chant of triumph over the victory of Abrahams over our best sprinters at 100 metres would have been stilled forever.

## Bearcat Cagers Are to Practice During Holidays

With nine members of the College Bearcat squad back this morning and an additional three expected to arrive today, Coach Lawrence will start basketball training and practice again today. The workout started at the High School gymnasium at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Bearcat squad will hold workouts every afternoon during the holidays and will practice at night when school starts on January 6.

Pierpoint of Skidmore, Blomfield of Maryville, Caldwell of Jameson, Whitford of Fairfax, Culp of Ridgeway, Smith of Pickering, Cartwright of Maryville, Crane of Clearmont, and Hood of Pickering, reported for a light workout yesterday. Houston, Peoples, Joy are the players expected to report this afternoon.

## F. T. Dawson Resigns at Football Coach

Lincoln, Nebr., Dec. 27.—Coach Fred T. Dawson, resigned here yesterday as head football coach of the University of Nebraska, the board of athletics of the university issuing a statement in which it was stated that Dawson had requested to be relieved of the duties of coach that he might devote himself entirely to his work as athletic director.

It was stated that his work as football coach had caused him to give too little attention to his work as director. He will remain here at the same salary he has been receiving, it was stated at the university.

A committee of three with Coach Dawson included in the number was appointed to start to work at once to get a football coach worthy of the school.

## 1 Man Killed in Building Collapse

Kansas City, Dec. 27—One man was killed Fred Dixon, and a janitor walked to safety on a wall which fell outward in front of him, and tons of bricks and radiators were hurled into the air when a four story warehouse of Goldberg Plumbing Co. collapsed today. The building is in the heart of the wholesale district.

Jacob Goldberg, one of the owners of the building, declared an explosion has taken place before the building collapsed. Several witnesses, however, declare that they saw bursting flames after the building fell. Others say they heard nothing except the crash of the walls. Goldberg and several employees were on their way to the office but had been delayed by the weather. The loss is estimated at $125,000.

Jimmie Patterson is spending the week end with his brothers, George and Howard Patterson, near Quitman.

# DAVE HOUSEL'S NAME CLEARED

### VETERAN MARYVILLE COBBLER CLEARED OF DESERTION.

## WILL GET $50 PENSION

### Congress Just Passes Bill Giving Civil War Veteran His Just Dues and Honor.

(St. Joseph News-Press.)

David Housel of Maryville, lays claim to having had one of the happiest Christmas celebrations of any[illegible] and believes that he received the most substantial gifts doled out in northwest Missouri. Uncle Sam, alias Congressman Charles L. Faust, in the guise of Santa Claus, presented Housel with a largess in the form of clearing the stigma of "deserter in the Civil War" from the name of Maryville's veteran cobbler, and granting him a special pension of $50 a month. Housel had been striving more than thirty years to have his war record cleared, and this was done when President Coolidge approved a special act of congress late Wednesday afternoon.

Representative Faust had piloted the bill for Housel's relief in congress three times, only to have it fail of final passage in the last hours of sessions. Twice it was a victim of filibustering. The bill, which is now the law, will be of great benefit to the aged veteran and his wife.

### Classed as a Deserter.

Housel did not learn that the government had classed him as a deserter until he applied for a pension in 1894. He had enlisted at the age of seventeen, after changing the date in the family Bible which recorded his birth, in company E of the 51st Pennsylvania volunteers, September 1, 1861. He served in that company until he enlisted in the regular army, company A, 8th infantry, in 1862, where he served until the end of the war. The war records give him credit for having served three years, seven months and twenty-six days of honorable duty.

Mr. Housel became ill while on detachment duty in Baltimore in September, 1864, and went to his mother's home nearby on leave. He was confined to the bed seven months, with fever and ague, and before he was well enough to return to his regiment the war had ended. He did not think it necessary to return to his company and feeling that his standing as a loyal soldier would not be questioned, remained at his mother's home.

### To Remove Stigma.

When Housel's application for pension was returned to him from Washington with a communication in which he was charged with desertion, he began steps to have the stigma removed. Like the proverbial shoemaker, he stuck to his last, and has ever since been engaged in efforts to interest representatives in congress from his district in his case. He finally laid the case before several friends here, among them W. F. Phares, now chairman of the Republican state committee, and they had been giving him what assistance they could.

Representative Faust was conferred with immediately after his election in 1920, and steps to clear the veterans' record and obtain relief for him were started. A bill was passed by the house Feb. 26, 1923, but a last-minute rush in the senate brought its failure.

The bill was again brought up in the last session of congress and pushed through. A filibuster, which checked all business in the final session of the senate, again caused its defeat.

The communication concerning the clearing of the war record and granting of a pension came as a complete surprise to the aged man, although he knew that Mr. Faust still had hopes of the bill's passage. Practically every representative from this district within the last thirty years has attempted to have such a measure passed.

Naturally, the aged cobbler is very happy over the news of the bill's passage. The pension, which starts from the passage of the measure will be enough to keep the wolf from the door during the brief period he and his aged wife expect to remain on earth. They have lived in Maryville forty years, and Mr. Housel is eighty-one years old.

### The Polite Witness.

"You've heard what the last witness said," persisted the counsel, "and yet your evidence is to the contrary. Am I to infer that you doubt her veracity?"

The polite young man waved a deprecating hand.

"Not at all," he replied. "I merely wish to make it clear what a liar I am if she's speaking the truth."—From Everybody's Magazine for January.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

## Fifty Years Ago.

(Taken from the files of the Nodaway Democrat, Dec. 24, 1874).

A portion of a news story from a Barnard correspondent is as follows: Though Barnard is a young town, it shows evidences of thrift and enterprise that cannot be found in many older towns. The site of the town was surveyed in 1870 and now its population is from 300 to 500. It has several first class country stores, containing a combined stock of dry goods, groceries, clothing, boots and shoes, queensware and a general assortment of merchandise. They are liberally patronized by the people of this section because of their fair dealing, uniform kindness and courtesy towards their numerous customers.

Barnard is certainly a lively go-ahead town; its citizens are fully awake to every interest of the place, and are renouned for their enterprise, industry and liberality. Such being the case Barnard is sure to have a future of which its every citizen will be proud. Success to Barnard.

The snow that fell last Monday and Monday night to the extent of six inches, has covered Old Mother Earth with a garment of white and the sleighing is fine.

A movement is on foot to establish a Library Association in Maryville. The idea is received with much favor by our citizens, and already nearly one hundred persons have enrolled as members of the association. We need a library in Maryville and every good and public spirited citizen should give this project his hearty support.

The National Hotel barn is now being moved east some 66 feet on a firm and solid foundation prepared for it. There is a strong probability of a handsome brick hotel building being erected on the site of the National in the spring. The National property is now in the hands of live, active and enterprising men.

Changes have taken place in the ownership of certain property on the south side of the square, which will insure the moving out of the present frames and the erection, next spring of brick houses on their site. A solid row of substantial brick business houses on the south side of the square will add materially to the beauty and solidity of Maryville. All honor to those enterprising men who have the future safety and prosperity of Maryville sufficiently at heart to move out hazardous frames and erect brick business houses in their stead.

A subscription paper is being circulated having in view the building of an Advent Christian Church in Maryville. The society has already procured a desirable lot, on which to locate the church, and liberal donations of money from some of our leading citizens in the county have been made, besides the donation of labor from some of our mechanics.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO.

The new county officials change next Monday. Those elected at the November election, except treasurer, come into the offices next Monday.

Hosea Torrance will be 71 years of age the 12th of February. He has been a night policeman for the merchants and business men of Maryville for ten years, and there have been very few nights in all that time but what he has been on duty.

We understand that W. A. Blagg and J. S. Shinabargar will form a law partnership the first of the year.

The Maryville Public School closed last Friday afternoon, school to take up again Thursday, Jan. 5. Supt. Hawkins was given an elegant office chair from the teachers. Prof. Urban received a set of French History, given to him by the senior class.

At a recent annual meeting of the Presbyterian church, W. O. Sawyers and J. A. McAnulty were re-elected as elders; W. W. Jackson and W. R. Wells, Jr., were re-elected trustees, and W. B. Scott and John Dempsey were elected as new trustees.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of M. L. Bentley to Miss Stella Steiger, to take place Wednesday, December 28, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Steiger, west of town.—Ravenwood Gazette.

Young ladies, leap year is about to close.

Among the students at Columbia, Mo., who have come home for the holidays are Misses Dot Herreu, Helen Leffler, Nannie Newman, Florence Robinson, Mamie Storm, and Will Painum, Homer Croy, Forrest Donnell, Bert Hogan, John Newman and Fred Trewett.

Last Tuesday was the worst day in the way of a blizzard in the records of Weather Reporter J. R. Brink in ten years. About six inches of snow fell and there was a strong wind from the west and northwest all day. Business was practically suspended. It was one degree below zero early Tuesday morning and two below at six o'clock in the evening. Wednesday morning it was five degrees below zero. This week so far has been a hard one on people and on stock.

## Okla. Woman, 102 Saw Railroadless Chicago

Enid, Okla., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Sarah Mertz, believed to be the oldest woman in Oklahoma, is critically ill. She is 102 years old but her robust constitution is still putting up a fight against death.

Mrs. Mertz's maiden name was Setzer. She came of a Pennsylvania Dutch family near Allentown, Pa., where she was born Sept. 22, 1822. She was only seventeen years old when she married a neighbor boy, Edward Mertz, and in 1845 the newlyweds, with $600 and a prairie schooner started on the pioneers' adventure of the West.

When they passed through a railroadless Chicago, Mrs. Mertz was of the opinion that the town might amount to something but her husband laughed at her, predicting that the then more or less frontier outpost would never be more than a mudhole.

The Mertz family finally settled in Illinois near Geneseo, where they farmed successfully until the pioneer spirit started the unrest in Mrs. Mertz's heart and with her son, Lewis, now 61 years old, she started for Oklahoma in 1902. Illinois life had become "too tame and monotonous" she said. She wanted the frontiers of America as she had been used to them.

Mrs. Mertz is the mother of ten children, six of whom she has outlived. Her oldest surviving daughter, Mrs. Mary Johnson, lives at Tripoli, Iowa, and is in her 83rd year. Levi Mertz, her oldest son, lives at Downer's Grove, Ill., where he recently celebrated his 77th birthday. Mrs. L. M. Luther and Lewis Mertz, living in Enid, are "the babies of the family."

There are 12 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mertz attributes her longevity to the fact that she never overeats and has never worn a corset.

## 10c a Day Penalty for Late Car Tags

Oklahoma City, Dec. 27.—Oklahomans are being reminded that the time is at hand for the purchase of their 1925 automobile licenses. Deputies from the state highways department are sending out notices that on all cars purchased after December 15 there must be a tag saying "License Applied For," or they must have a 1925 license.

Owners of 1924 machines have until March 31 to obtain their 1925 licenses. After April 1, however, a charge of ten cents a day will be made against those who neglect to get their new numerals.

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These prices are for CASH with order. An extra charge of five cents will be made on all Want Ads when cash does not accompany the order.

### FOR SALE

LEGAL FORMS FOR SALE—the following legal forms may be had at The Democrat-Forum office: quit claim deed, house leases, deed of trust, chattel mortgage with power of sale, and general warranty deed.

FOR SALE—One tube radio set, complete at bargain. Fisher Battery Station. 8tf

New Tops and Side Curtains; door opening Curtains and winter tops. Satisfaction guaranteed. Farmers Auto Supply Co. D4-J3.

FOR SALE—Good dining table, sewing machine, and also an International truck. Call Hanamo 74½. 26-29*

FOR SALE—20 acre farm 9½ miles south of Maryville, good improvements, half mile from State Highway. J. M. Henderson. 26-1*

FOR SALE—5 room modern, in fine condition; located west. Price $5,500. Terms. Also 5 room, 1 lot, cellar, electric lights, $1250; terms. C. D. Allen, 119 East 4th. 27

FOR SALE—Victor talking machine. 416 So. Mulberry. 27-29*

### MISCELLANEOUS

MONEY TO LOAN — Joint Stock Land Bank plan on farm loans. Also city and farm real estate for sale. Ed F. Wolert. D15-J15

ROOMS for rent—modern home. 403 West First street. D2tf

FOR RENT—2 or 3 nice warm modern rooms, furnished for lighthousekeeping or sleeping rooms. Hanamo 3625. D3tf

FOR RENT—Three strictly first-class modern apartments. Two of them one block from business center; better get in while getting's good. Chas. Hyslop. D-10-tf.

HAVE BUYER for good Northwest Mo. farm. N. C. Case. 20-27

HEY, YOU! Shave 15c; hair cut 30c. Peggy or Jessie Smith and Steve Viles, 1st door north of Chas. Jensen's Produce House on North Market. 22-29*

TRUCKING—All kinds and any place. Headquarters at Star Barn, Hanamo 178, Farmers 130. 26-1

LOST—Weed chain for semi-balloon tire, Friday night between Maryville and Tarkio. Leave at office. 27-29

MAN, energetic and reliable, wanted for factory representative to handle our business in Maryville district; unusual opportunity, with fortune for right man; experience or capital unnecessary; write fully Syncro Motors Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

EARN $20 weekly spare time, at home addressing, mailing music, circulars. Send 10c for music and information. Co-operative Music Co., St. Paul, Minn. 27*

Excellent position open January 26th for capable, well educated woman; ex-teacher or college student preferred; salary $1500 first year; opportunity for advancement. Address Dept. C, 704 American Bank Bldg., Kansas City, Mo. 27*

NOTICE—Don't let your Mutual Benefit health and accident insurance lapse. Pay G. W. Aley at the South Side Grocery and Bakery before January 1st and receive the association's official receipt. 26-27.

## Ford Certificates Pay 14 per cent 1924

Detroit, Dec. 27.—Ford Investment Certificates, which are available only to employes of the Ford Motor Company, will pay a return of 14 per cent for the year 1924.

The guaranteed annual rate of interest on the certificates is 6 per cent. Special returns in both the first six month period, ending December 31st, increased the interest rate 8 per cent, making the total for the year 14 per cent.

Payment of interest will be made immediately after January 1st and employes who are investors in the certificates will receive interest due them in connection with the payment of wages.

## In Silence Hobart Buries Burned Dead

### Long Trench In Cemetery Filled With Charred Unidentified Bones—Others May Die.

Hobart, Okla., Dec. 27.—A long deep trench in the Hobart cemetery is rounded over today with freshly turned earth.

It holds the bodies of twenty-one of the victims of the Christmas eve fire disaster at the Babb School house. Other freshly turned graves are the final resting place today of thirteen other victims of the fire. Of these thirteen identification was reasonably sure but where the black bones in the long trench were assembled not even the relatives know whether or not the bodies are those whose names they bore.

It was a touching climax to the Yuletide tradegy—a great funeral service at night in the hillyard cemetery under the shadows of the Wichita mountains— where shopkeepers, laborers, clerks, and bankers, all had worked in the frozen earth to make ready the last resting place of those who lost their lives. Yesterday afternoon the ministers of Hobart and the surrounding community paid tribute to the dead in a community funeral service.

At its close, at night, in the flickering lights of lanterns and by the glare of automobile lights, the caskets were lowered into the earth. All that could be done for the dead had been done.

Hobart, Okla., Dec. 27.—With at least five victims unlikely to survive the day, sixty-six injured and thirty-five dead, Hobart today planned to turn its attention to the caring of the injured and the several families, victims of the bad school fire of Christmas eve.

Funeral services for all of the victims were held last night. Memorial funeral services were held late in the afternoon in the Hobart city hall. Mrs. Walker J. Biggers is dying in a hospital and Mrs. Joe McNutt, whose daughter, Kate, rushed back into the burning school and dragged her living, but injured, from under a pile of bodies, is not expected to live through the day.

Offers of aid have been received from cities all over the United States. F. E. Gillespie said these would not be refused although Hobart was not soliciting help.

## Allison to Preach New Year's Sermon

"The Spirit of the New Year" will be the theme of Sunday's sermon of the Rev. S. P. Allison of the Presbyterian Church. The text he will use is "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another."

At this service Miss Halcyon Hooker, student and instructor in the Nebraska University School of Music at Lincoln, will give a special solo. Miss Hooker is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hooker, over the holidays.

The next thing, of course, will be to replace the ships we scrapped in the name of naval limitation.—Buffalo Enquirer.

LOST—Cameo lavalier set with pearls, between 120 East First and postoffice. Return to Mrs. Mary W. Moore. Reward. 23-26

## Market Report

Chicago, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,200.

HOGS—Receipts, 12,000.

SHEEP—Receipts, 8,000.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 150.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,500.

SHEEP—Receipts, 150.

Kansas City, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 500.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,500.

SHEEP—Receipts, 500.

St. Joseph, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 100.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,000; top, $10.35; 10c to 15c higher.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,000.

Markets one year ago, Dec. 27, 1923.

CATTLE—Receipts, 15,000; weekly average $5.75 to $12.30.

HOGS—Receipts, 60,000; top, $7.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 20,000; top, $13.40

### TODAY'S MARKET

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| Heavy hens, lb | 13c |
| Light hens, lb | 9c |
| Heavy Springers, lb | 14c |
| Geese, per lb | 12c |
| Ducks, lb | 12c |
| Leghorn and Black Springs, lb | 10c |
| Cocks, lb | 7c |
| Butterfat, per lb | 35c |
| Eggs, per doz | 45c |
| Hides, per lb | 7c |

*Our Pet Peeve*

## Pickering

O. G. Null.

Lew Taylor of Omaha, Nebr., has been visiting here for the past ten days at the home of his sister, Mrs. Minnie Epps and with other relatives. Mr. Taylor formerly lived west of Pickering but left this vicinity nearly thirty years ago.

Howard Leech a former Pickering boy now superintendent of the Rock Port, Mo., school, came over last Friday to attend the banquet given by the community in honor of the basketball team.

Mr. Leech was a member of the first basketball team organized in the Pickering school in 1908 and takes great interest in the school and its activities yet.

Miss Mildred Burks a teacher in the public school at Excelsior Springs Mo., came home last Friday evening to spend the holiday vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burks.

Miss Goldie Carmichael, a teacher in one of the Kansas City public schools arrived here Wednesday evening to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carmichael.

Eugene Crowson came down from Corning, Iowa, Wednesday to spend Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Crowson.

Miss Marie Burks, one of the teachers in the public school at Lexington, Mo., came home Wednesday evening to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burks.

Prof. W. F. Null, a member of the faculty of Missouri Wesleyan College at Cameron, Mo., came up last Monday and spent the afternoon at the home of his brother, O. G. Null. He drove to Maryville that evening and has been there since, assisting in caring for his father, Geo. W. Null, who is critically ill.

Rev. T. M. Walton and family drove to Skidmore Thursday afternoon to visit at the home of Mr. Walton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walton.

Mrs. Lester Ellis and son Dale of St. Joseph and Mrs. J. G. Buchanan of Ossawatomie, Kan., arrived here last Monday night to spend a few days at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Null and with other relatives here. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Buchanan came Wednesday evening to spend Christmas day at the Null home.

Mrs. Alice Lahr of Lorimer, Iowa is spending the holidays at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Morford and her brother, C. R. Harman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neil of St. Joseph came up Wednesday evening to spend Christmas at the home of Mrs Neil's mother, Mrs. Louisa Hinton. Mr. Neil returned home Thursday afternoon while Mrs. Neil remained for a longer visit.

The Christmas entertainment at the M. E. Church and Christian Church were not as well attended as usual on account of the cold weather. The programs given were up to the usual standard and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Henry Glines has rented his farm five miles northwest of town and last Monday moved with his family to Hopkins where they will reside next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Porter have moved from near Harmony Church to the Mrs. M. A. Lawson farm south of Long Branch, which they will operate next year. Mrs. Lawson who is the mother of Mrs. Porter will live with them on the farm.

### M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

Services Sunday December 28th as follows:

Myrtle Tree—Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. Preaching at 7:30 P. M.

Our revival service will begin January 5th. Let us plan our work so we may be free to attend these services.

We invite the public to come with us in these services.

Pickering—Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. Preaching at 11:00 A. M.

Let every member be present at these services.

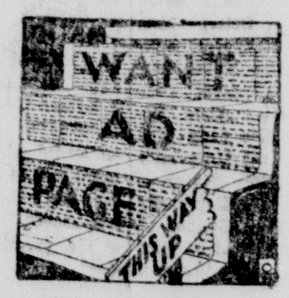
Let us close the old year by preparing for the new year.

E. W. CROY, Pastor.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Once again Christmas has come and gone. Once again hearts have been made glad by the giving and receiving of gifts, and what is much more valuable, the love and esteem of the giver. The pastor and family wish to express their sincere thanks to all those who sent the many Christmas greetings. Especially to the church for the fine leather upholstered rocking chair, found in the parsonage upon returning from the Christmas exercises, and to the Excelsior class for the fine box of chocolates.

Only one more Sunday in the year. Cannot we make this a great day? We lost 38 last Sunday over a week ago, only having 104. Let's boost it next Sunday, one and all, for two great services. The Sunday morning subject will be "Redeeming The Time."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## Parnell

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Messbarger entertained with a Christmas dinner there being Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boedeker and family, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Day and daughter, Marie and Mrs. Anna Boedeker.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McCann and family of Ravenwood spent Christmas at the E. M. McCarthy home.

C. O. Harman will go to Shenandoah, Ia., to play in the accordeon contest tonight, Dec. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. DeFreece and daughter were in Maryville Wednesday visiting Mrs. Paul Smith, who is a patient in the hospital at that place.

Miss Frowna Geisken is spending his week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Milligan.

Miss Crystal Batson is spending the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. DeFreece entertained with a Christmas dinner. Plates were laid for Mr. and Mrs. R. E. DeFreece and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Harman and daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Klaas, Miss Irene DeFreece of St. Joseph, Henry DeFreece and the host and hostess.

Harman and Messbarger installed two Stromberg-Carlson radio sets the past week. One for Dr. E. Crowson and one for Wm. Boedeker.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Scadden announce the birth of a son, Saturday, Dec. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hubbell were Xmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller.

Miss Irene DeFreece of St. Joseph spent Christmas with home folks.

Miss Kathryn Shonley of Maryville and Miss Dorothy Shonley of Red Oak, Iowa, came Wednesday and will spend several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shonley and family.

### ROYSTER ITEMS.

The students are enjoying a happy vacation this week.

Miss Ruth Finney left Saturday morning to visit her parents at Cainsville, Mo.

Elmer Johnson demonstrated a radio at Ernest Shelton's Monday night. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Thompson, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Booth, and son Jimmie, Miss Millie Logan, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson, and son Joseph.

Miss Lucile Duncan, Miss Lois M. and Herman Thompson, spent Sunday afternoon with Pauline and Kenneth Thompson.

Several of the young people attended choir practice at Wilcox Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan and daughter, Lucile, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Duncan Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Thompson entertained Christmas day. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shelton and family.

Mrs. J. W. Johnson is critically ill at her home, several have been at the Johnson home the last few days, helping care for her.

Several from the district attended the Christmas tree at Wilcox, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiland Thompson called at Lon Thompson's Wednesday evening.

### WHITE CLOUD.

Mrs. Ol Coleman very pleasantly entertained the W. C. S. N. Club at her home Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17. There was a short program rendered and the usual exchange of Christmas presents. Mrs. Coleman served a two-course lunch assisted by Mrs. Myrtle Gillespie and Mrs. Will Boyd. Mrs. Elmer Hanna will be hostess to the club January 8, at which time the semi-annual election of officers will occur. Those responding to roll call were Mrs. Lulu Ringold, Mrs. Bonnie Ringold, Mrs. Mae Rickard, Mrs. Maude Ramsey, Mrs. Lerita Hanna, Mrs. Jennie Thull, Mrs. Laura Boyd, Mrs. Alma Hutcherson, Mrs. Delia Baldwin and Mrs. Myrtle Gillespie.

Little Billy Hanna spent Saturday with his aunt, Mrs. Byron Hanna while his parents were shopping in Maryville.

Edward Turner and his pupils rendered a very nice little program Friday afternoon, after which school was dismissed for the annual Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Ringold and family attended the program Tuesday afternoon of their daughter, Miss Pauline and her pupils. Miss Pauline returned home with them for a few days' vacation.

The Joe Ulmer family have a new radio—a Christmas present for the whole family.

Mrs. Nick Thull went to Maryville Sunday evening to help care for her grandson, Russell Thull, who is quite sick.

Mrs. Roy Hider's mother and sister from Wyoming are visiting at the ranch during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown and Wesley Allen are visiting relatives in Nebraska.

## Arrest Mo. Robbery Suspect in Calif.

Chico, Cal., Dec. 27.—Chester Gowdy, suspected of complicity in the $45,000 Crystal City, Mo., train robbery, was taken to Sacramento today by postal inspectors for further questioning. According to postal inspectors Gowdy admits knowing several others implicated in the robbery but denies any connection with it himself. Officers are following up several clues and expect some of them to lead to important developments.

## German, Wilcox, Leads in Harmonica Contest

(Shenandoah Evening Sentinel-World)

With the count not quite complete, the harmonica contest at KFNF is apparently won by "Slim" German of Wilcox, Mo., with Bill Sharp of Shenandoah second.

The vote has been so heavy that the seed house girls have been about swamped on the counting, and although the voting is closed the votes are not quite all counted yet.

It is not likely however, that the remaining votes to be counted will make any change in the relative standing.

The standing of the first ten are as follows:

1. Slim German, Wilcox, Mo.
2. Bill Sharp, City.
3. Mrs. John Bast, Braddyville, Ia.
4. Bill Sharpe, Craig, Mo.
5. Mrs. Harry Brown, New Market, Iowa.
6. Mrs. Fred Flatt, Thurman, Ia.
7. Clyde Johnston, Locust Grove.
8. Mrs. Jake Bussard, Imogene, Ia.
9. J. W. Sparks, Forest City, Mo.
10. Howard Greenwalt, city.

The complete final vote with the number received by each of the contestants will be given in this paper probably Saturday.

The prizes for this contest were furnished by the M. Hohner Co., of New York City who are manufacturers and importers of harmonicas and will be sent to the winners as soon as the votes are all counted.

About 20,000 votes in all were received.

## Masonic Officers are Installed Today

### Officers of Maryville Lodge and Nodaway Lodge Officially Installed—Reece Installing Officer

Officers of Maryville Lodge, A. F. & A. M., 165, and Nodaway Lodge, A. F. & A. M., 470, for the ensuing year were installed this morning, St. John's Day, at the lodge rooms. J. E. Reece was the installing officer and A. L. Nash, grand marshal. There was a fair-sized crowd present for the ceremonies.

The officers of Maryville Lodge that were installed are: James Smith, worshipful master; Martin Lewis, Jr., junior warden; George B. Baker, treasurer; Fred Smith, secretary; Walter Smith, senior deacon; Harry Lyle, junior deacon; and William Collins, tiler. Gleeson Womack, who was elected senior warden, will be installed later.

The officers of Nodaway Lodge who were installed this morning are:

Robert Garten, worshipful master; Harry Snyder, junior warden; E. E. Williams, treasurer; L. P. Colvin, secretary; Walter Todd, junior deacon; Forrest Froman, senior steward; R. A. Strawbridge, tiler; and I. E. Tulloch, marshal. Edward V. Condon, who was elected senior warden, and Dr. R. C. Person, who was appointed senior deacon, will be installed later.

### Announce Birth of Son.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Livenwood of Elmo announce the birth of a son yesterday morning. Mrs. Livengood was Miss Arcille Van Sickle of Elmo.

### Warranty Deed.

The following warranty deed was recorded this morning:

Orion C. and Ethel C. Groom to John H. and Della F. Pike, south half of southeast quarter, section 27, township 63, range 33, Gentry County, also south half of southwest quarter of section 27, township 63, range 33, except Wabash right-of-way and 5.68 acres, in Nodaway County for $1 and other valuable consideration.

Mrs. F. P. Houser of Grant City, who has been visiting her granddaughter, Miss Lucile Wright, and other relatives, since Wednesday night, will return home tomorrow.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

## Don't Sell Poultry Urges Kans. Governor

### Davis Says Buyers Will Reap Profit of Low Prices Now and Urges Raisers to Hold Stock.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 27.—Because of the demoralized poultry market, Governor Davis of Kansas has urged Kansas poultry raisers to hold their stock until the lifting of the embargo in the East.

The governor called attention to the fact that buyers are taking advantage of the condition to buy at low prices, hold the stock themselves and reap a profit when the embargo is ended.

Kansas and Oklahoma shippers are complaining that there is little if any of the disease in their flocks and are indignant that an embargo should have been placed.

In Oklahoma, one section alone, estimates the loss to poultry raisers at hundreds of thousands of dollars. Similar figures are heard in this state.

## Jackson Sells Cattle at St. Joe Yesterday

W. T. Jackson of Nodaway County cashed two loads of 1078 pound steers at $8.75 and two loads of 1,252 pound steers at $8.40 on the St. Joseph market yesterday. Nodaway County was also represented on the St. Joseph market with shipments sent in by Ed and Ova Wohlford, M. B. Sherlock, E. Boyer, and R. T. Jackson.—St. Joseph Stock Yards Journal.

## Bedford Cow Earns $467 in One Year

Bedford, Ia., Dec. 27.—What can be done in a year's time from one good cow, in dollars and cents, has been shown by Dee Willman, of Bedford, who owns a milk cow of the Jersey type and breeding.

This Jersey cow in one year and a day made Mr. Willman $467.11. Besides this amount a family of five has been kept in milk and butter. High tests on the old milk runs about 7 per cent and the cow is now approaching the age of ten years.

### ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL NOTES

Those admitted to the hospital this week were: W. E. Nichols, New Market, Ia.; Mrs. Marshall Humbred, Barnard; A. A. Watson, Clearmont; W. H. Anderson, Skidmore; Ivan Cockayne, Maryville; Mrs. William Guyett, Tarkio; and Clifford Goodwine, Hopkins.

The following persons were discharged from the hospital: Ralph Hotchkin, Maryville; William Holtman, Ravenwood; Mrs. Joseph Jackson and son, Bolckow; Miss Hazel Salem, Mrs. John Jared, and Frank Gunson, all of Bedford; W. H. Anderson, Skidmore; Mrs. Ira Kelly, Ravenwood; Mrs. eGo. Kelly, Maryville; Mrs. James Lucas and daughter, Bedford; Miss Mattie Marcome, Maryville, and Mrs. H. W. Heaken, Maryville.

Sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Marley of Bedford, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Birkenholz of Maryville.

Mrs. Howard Wright of Grant City has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Matteson, and Mr. Matteson, since Wednesday.


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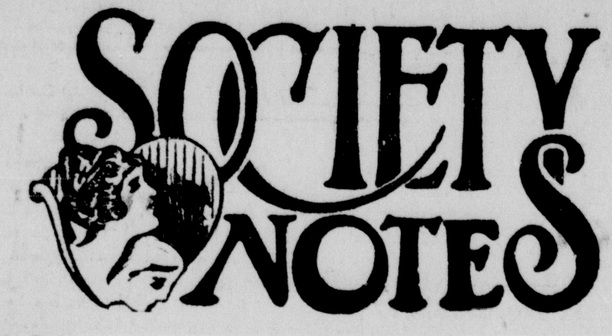


**Guild Party.**

The senior chapter of the Westminster Guild will hold its annual Christmas party at the Presbyterian Church Monday night.

**Christmas Dinner.**

Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson entertained with a Christmas dinner at their home northwest of Maryville. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bickett and daughter, Wanda Joy, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ferguson and daughter, Jean, Jimmie Patterson, and George and Howard Patterson.

**Allan Dinner Guests**

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Allan entertained with a 12 o'clock dinner today at their home on West Third street. Places were arranged for Judge and Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Seal, Miss Katie Lee Allan, Russell Allan and the hosts.

**Saxton Guests.**

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Saxton entertained with a 1 o'clock Christmas dinner at their home south of Maryville. Plates were laid for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell and son, Bobby, of Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ashford and daughter, Helen Marjorie of Quitman, and the hosts.

**For Bride and Groom.**

A party was given Christmas eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Merriett of Burlington Junction in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Bragg, who were recently married. Music, dancing and a Christmas tree were the features of the evening. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. John Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bonner, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Merriett, Misses Mayree and Sadie Bragg, Lela Wiley, Tina Merriett, and Roy Shafer, Harry Neece, Donald Crabtree, Ed Smith and Billy and Joe Carlos Merriett.

**For Miss Schenck**

Honoring Miss Katherine Schenck of Kansas City, who is the holiday guest of Misses Mabel and Helen Todd, Miss Ora Eckles will be hostess at an informal dinner bridge tonight at her home on West Torrance street. Additional guests will be Miss Mabel Wells, who is home from Shawnee, Okla., for the holidays; Miss Irene Teagarden, Miss Nell Hudson and the Misses Todd.

Miss Schenck will be honor guest at a three-table bridge party which Miss Gladys Bookman will give Tuesday night at her home on East Third street. An additional visiting guest will be Miss Jeann Sobner of Moline, Ill., the holiday guest of Miss Ruth Bookman.

**P. E. O. Party.**

The annual holiday party for members of Chapter L. P. E. O., and the B. I. L's was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Roseberry on East Seventh street last night. The hostesses were Mrs. Roseberry, Mrs. F. P. Reuillard, Mrs. J. W. Hake, Mrs. S. P. Allison, Mrs. J. D. Richey, Miss Carrie Hopkins, Miss Fannie Hope and Miss May Anthony. Somerset was played at ten tables and prizes for high score went to Miss Ora Eckles and Dr. R. C. Person. The consolation favors were awarded to Miss Della Nash and Roy Lippman. Holly and mistletoe with the red and green colors of the holiday season were used in the decorations. Refreshments were served at the game tables centered with red candles in crystal, brass and silver holders. The visiting guests included Mrs. A. A. Hopkins of St. Joseph; Mrs. J. Arthur Dillinger of St. Joseph; Miss Nellie Douglas of Los Angeles, Cal.; Miss Mary Bell of Liberty; Miss Katherine Schenck of Kansas City; Miss Della Nash of St. Joseph; and Miss Bertha Ritze of Minneapolis, Minn.

**Null Family Dinner.**

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Null of Pickering entertained at a family dinner on Crhistmas for the families of their children all of whom were present. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Null and daughter Katherine, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis of St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford E. Jones and children Louise and Howard, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Buchanan of Ossawatomie, Kan., and the hosts.

**Warner Guests.**

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Warner, 121 South Hester street, entertained with a Christmas dinner Thursday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hartman and children, Addison and Estella Jane, Leroy Stroup and son, Frankie, and Harold, Homer, Donald, Laura Ethel and Belva Warner.

**Christmas Dinner.**

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pfeiffer entertained with a 1 o'clock dinner Christmas day at their home near Pickering. Plates were laid for the following: Mrs. Mary Chambers, Robert Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. V. I. Chambers and son, Aubrey, of Ravenwood; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carter and children, Harold and Ethel, Mr. and Mrs. Don Albright and daughter, Magdalene, and the hosts and children, Glen Herbert and Doris Pfeiffer.

**Announce Daughter's Marriage.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hall of Maryville announce the marriage of their daughter, Lillian Faithe, to George Frederick Raun of Salina, Kan. The wedding took place in St. Joseph on Christmas eve. The young couple left immediately after the ceremony for Salina where they will spend the holidays with friends. After the first of the year the bride will resume her school work at New Point, Holt county. Mrs. Raun is a graduate of the Maryville High School and has attended the State Techers College. Mr. Raun has been in the employ of the St. Joseph Water Company. He is just recovering from severe injuries received in an accident at that place last July in which the bride's brother, Gerald Hall of Maryville lost his life.

**Birthday Dinner.**

Mrs. Andrew Jensen and daughter, Josephine, entertained with a Christmas dinner in honor of the seventy-second birthday anniversary of Mr. Jenson. A Christmas tree was an enjoyable after-dinner feature. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Sorenus Jenson and son, Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mitchell and children, Lela Evelyn, Joe and Ruby Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Mitchell and children, Gerald, Dorothy Nelle and Lois Marjory, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Huff and daughter, Eva Mae, Josephine and Luther Jenson, Jesse Michaelson and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jenson.

**Lasher Club Party.**

Members of the Lasher Community Club enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bailey last night. The evening was spent in games and music and in the former diversion Henry Finn was the prize winner. The decorations were in keeping with the Christmas season. Sandwiches, pickles, ice cream, cake and coffee were served after the games. Assisting the hostess in serving were Mrs. Lawrence Dean, Mrs. John Schenkel, Mrs. Homer Worl and Miss Clara Schenkel. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ager and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Schenkel, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Worl and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dempsey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Finn and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Masters and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Masters, Mr. and Mrs. William Job, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Masters and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tunell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dean, Mrs. Helen Strauch, Mrs. C. F. Parker, Misses Lucille Masters, Karle Parker, Nellie Strauch, Ella O'Grady, Eva Honer, Dora Eleanor Masters, Clara Schenkel, Hazel Schenkel, Ilene and Dorothy Bailey, Helen Dempsey, Iva Williams, Ida Tunell, Emma Gaukel, and Frank Bailey, C. O. Dean, Carrol Hogan, Don Williams, Frank Halasey, Will O'Grady, Otis and Ernest Schenkel, John Tunell, Colen and Nelson Tunell, Roy Strauch, Emery Shell, Harold Bailey, Lloyd Bailey, Ralph DeWitt, and Lawrence, Clarence and Louis Gaukel.

**Rabbit Fry at Stanfield Home.**

B. E. Truesdell's class of boys of the First Methodist Church entertained the girls' classes, taught by Mrs. William S. Larson and Mrs. C. C. Leeson, at a rabbit fry last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stanfield on West First street. The supper was followed by table games. Harold Lee Yates won the first prize and the booby favor went to Augusta Edwards. Those entertained were Misses Hazel Frede, Mabelle Price, Ruth England, Verlea James, Laura Belt, Lois Truesdell, Jessie Roach, Mabel Aley, Augusta Edwards, Edith Howard, Hildred Fitz, Linda Sheridan, Verneta Moon, Pauline Nichols, Eleanor Stanfield, Mrs. C. C. Leeson, Mrs. B. E. Truesdell and Mrs. W. W. Stanfield. The hosts were Mr. Truesdell, Donald Bailey, David Belt, Ralph Snoderly, Charles Stanfield, George Andrews, Ralph Curfman, Harold Yates, Robert Porter, Howard Bryant, Leslie Whitehead, W. W. Stanfield and Prof. C. C. Leeson. Donald Roach was an additional guest.

**Larmer Guests.**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Larmer and daughter, Virginia, entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Christmas night for Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lemon and daughter, Beatrice.

**Meet at Remus Home.**

Fourteen members attended the December meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church at the home of Mrs. C. F. Remus on West First street yesterday afternoon. The meeting opened with singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Mrs. Emma Eckles led the devotions on "Birth of Christ," reading Luke 2:8-14. Mrs. E. M. Houchens read Isaiah 11:1-4 after which all joined in the Lord's prayer. Mrs. A. W. Littler had charge of the program on "Coal Fields and Mining Camps." Mrs. C. A. McCoppin discussed the later topic and Mrs. Herbert Wamsley told of the coal fields. Mrs. C. E. Stilwell gave a review of the third chapter of the text book, "Hands That Toil." A song "Joy To The World," was the closing number. Refreshments were served after the program by the hostess and her daughter, Miss Margaret Remus. Guests at the meeting were Miss Remus and Virginia Larmer.

**Honor Texas Visitors.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cummins will be hosts at a 1 o'clock dinner tomorrow at their home on East Jenkins street complimentary to the latter's sister, Mrs. P. M. Gallagher, and Mr. Gallagher, their daughters, Mary Margaret, Kathleen and Elizabeth, and son, Tollman, of Houston, Texas. Places will also be arranged for Mrs. M. Tobin, Miss Mayme Tobin, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Meyers and sons, Daniel and Leo, Mrs. Eva Crabb of Denver, Colo., and Kieran and J. B. Cummins, Jr.

**1921 Class Reunion.**

Thirty-one members attended the reunion and banquet which the 1921 graduating class of the Maryville High School held last night at Hotel Linville. The high school colors, green and black, were used on the table and prevailed in the banquet appointments. The members wore green and black paper caps bearing the inscription 1921. Miss Laura Hawkins, class sponsor, acted as toastmistress. In answer to roll call the members contrasted their present vocations with ambitions of high school days. Letters were read from nine out-of-town and other absent members. The following belated telegram was received this morning from Miss Martha Denny of Oklahome City, Okla., a former class instructor: "Wherever you are the whole year through, may the best of everything come to you." The reunion was attended by the following out-of-town members: Eugene Crowson of Corning, Ia.; Tom Faris of Manhattan, Kan.; Audren Farrar of Corning, Ia.; Mrs. Walter Nixson of Shenandoah, Ia.; Miss Martha Kennedy of Bolckow; Miss Margaret Kerr of Barnard; Mrs. Kenneth Fordyce of Burlington Junction; Miss Elna Scott of Pickering; and Mrs. Rex Kidder of Bedison. The resident members present were Harold Dowden, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett French, Ed Ferritor, Miriam Gray, Ruth Houchens, Reed Holt, Wilson McMurry, Jean Powell, Matie Price, Mabel Raines, Russell Robey, Gordon Roach, Dorothy Rowley, Annett Stiwalt, Orville Sutterlin, Russell Allan, Gertrude Belt, Marie Cloud and Cloys Appleby.

**Sorority Party.**

Pi Epsilon Pi sorority held its annual Christmas party this afternoon with Miss Virginia Robinson, Miss Elizabeth Leet, Miss Laveta Epperson, Miss Ruth Bookman and Miss Marie Cloud as hostesses. The members were entertained at bridge at the home of Miss Robinson: Prizes were given to those making low scores. Christmas tags were used as tally cards. At the close of the games refreshments were served at the home of Miss Leet on East Fourth street. The red and green colors of the holiday season were used in decorations. The favors were sticks of striped candy and a candle salad ornamented with miniature poinsettias featured the refreshments. An exchange of "white elephant" gifts was also enjoyed. The following visiting members were present: Miss Abbie Bel Colden of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Lester Hawthorne of Stanberry; Mrs. Clarence Cook and Miss Mabel Curnutt of Kansas City; Miss Alice Peery of Trenton; Miss Alice McMurry of Cameron; Miss Lula Mae Curfman, a student at the University of Colorado; and Miss Margaret Remus, a student at the University of Missouri. Miss Jeann Sohner of Moline, Ill., the holiday guest of Miss Ruth Bookman, was an additional guest.

**Partridge Dinner.**

Mr. and Mrs. Will Partridge, living east of Maryville entertained at Christmas dinner at their homes the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Partridge of St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gilliland, Miss Alma Partridge, Miss Marie Antrim, Guy Antrim and Stanley Linegar.

**Hosts at Dinner.**

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. James had as their dinner guests last evening Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coulter and son, Virgil, of Avalon, Mo. The visitors returned home today.

**Surprise Mrs. Sherman.**

Members of the T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church gave a surprise miscellaneous shower Tuesday night for Mrs. Bert Sherman at her home, 418 North Mulberry street. The class is taught by Mrs. Sherman. Refreshments were served by members of the class. Mrs. Sherman presented each member with a handkerchief as a Christmas gift. Those present were Mrs. Leo Strong, Mrs. Ed Brewer, Mrs. Will Masters, Mrs. L. L. St. Clair, Mrs. A. T. Estes, Mrs. Ernest Kessler, Mrs. Richard New, Mrs. Dowden, Mrs. Ursle Crockett and Mrs. Sherman and daughter, Arlene.

**Smith Family Reunion.**

A reunion of the Smith family held Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion F. Smith in Maryville. A basket dinner was served at noon. Those present were Otis Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kluth and son, Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Will Kluth, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Wagner and children, George, Opal, Charles and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Holliday, Otis Wagner, Aaron Reynolds, Paul Whaley, Mrs. Anna Day of Iowa City, Ia.; and the hosts and daughters, Nellie Marion, Eudora and Charlotte. A [illegible]mas tree held gifts for each [illegible] of the family.

**For Columbia Visitors.**

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Gribble and children, Margaret and Lawrence and Miss Mary Heifner of Columbia were honor guests at a 6 o'clock family dinner which Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Heifner gave last night. Additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Campbell of Barnard; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Heifner and son, Joseph; Mrs. J. J. Heifner and Miss L. Anna Owen.

**Mrs. Shockley Hostess.**

Mrs. Mary E. Shockley entertained with a family dinner and Christmas tree Thursday at her home on East Third street. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Shockley and sons, John and Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Will Ramey and children, Truman, Opal, Nina, Helen and Norma, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Moody and daughters, Hazel and Virginia Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ramey and children, Mary Lee, Arthur and Robert, of St. Joseph; and Miss Nina Lee Shockley.

**Adams Guests.**

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Adams of Wilcox entertained with a Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Shell and daughters, Frances and Rebecca, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Duncan, Miss Jennie Duncan, John Adams, Rolla Adams and Leroy Adams.

**Hainline Guests.**

The Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hainline of Wilcox were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hainline, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Hainline and children, Florence and Joe Fred, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hartsough and son, Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Bice and daughter, Neva, of Burlington Junciton; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hainline of Maryville; and Raymond, Frances and Eugene Hainline.

**Entertains Star Class.**

Members of the Star Class of the M. E. Church, South, were entertained at a Christmas party at the home of Opal Holt on West Third street. Games and contests were enjoyed and each guest received a gift from the Christmas tree. Delicious refreshments were served. Members of the class present were Mrs. R. A. Mitchell, teacher; Ruth Hammond, Emily Martin, Maude Masters, Geraldine Miller, Virginia Tulloch, Lillian Ellis and the hostess. Other guests were Mary Ann Bovard, Herman Miller, Maxine Holt, Anna Mae Holt, Mabel Craig, Carl Holt and Mrs. H. S. Holt.

## Bank Hold-up Is Frustrated

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27.—For the third time in a year an effort to rob the Security Bank of Engelwood was frustrated today. When Mrs. F. E. Wheeler, assistant cashier was taking several thousand dollars from the bank to Kansas City, Mo., guarded by C. E. Cochrane in an automobile, another car loaded with six men attempted to crowd the bank car to the curb. As the other car closed in on them Cochrane shoved two guns through his car at the pursuing auto, which put on speed and dashed away. Police were notified and gave pursuit in a police car but the bandits were lost in the traffic.

## Last Official Trip for Roach Tomorrow

**Will Take Herb Mills to Jefferson City, Who Was Sentenced to 2 Years in Penitentiary.**

Steve A. Roach, sheriff, will make his last official trip to Jefferson City, when he will take Herb Mills, to the penitentiary tomorrow.

Mills was sentenced to serve two years at hard labor in the penitentiary when he pleaded guilty in Circuit Court Wednesday to the charge of forging checks.

**Guests at Cook Home.**

Miss Marie Cook of Chicago is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lena Cook, 115 South Mulberry street. Her sister, Mrs. W. H. Bunker, and Mr. Bunker and son, Eldon, of Omaha will come the first of next week for a holiday visit at the Cook home.

## Green Color of License Tags

**Ready for Sale Feb. 1—Cost More This Year.**

The new motor car license tags will be green with white numbers.

No license tags will be issued before Feb. 1, and all applicants must present a certificate of title. This rule must be complied with, no matter how long the owner has been in possession of the car.

The 50 per cent increase will be effective for 1925 licenses. The increase on Ford type cars is about $3.50 and on a Dodge type about $5.50. Ford license for 1924 cost $7, while for 1925 they will cost $10.50.

## Hamlin Moves Into the Courthouse Today

Edwin F. Hamlin, newly elected public administrator, has moved his office to the court house and will officially take up his duties on January 1. He recently occupied the office above the J. C. Penney store.

Mr. Hamlin was given his commission and gave bond of $10,000, which was approved by the county court.

## Arnon O. Cline Dies in Omaha

(St. Joseph Gazette)

Arnon O. Cline, 47 years old, a former resident of St. Joseph, died Thursday at his home in Omaha, Neb. He is survived by his widow; a son, Russell Cline, Maryville, Mo.; two daughters, Miss Mamie Cline, Maryville, and Miss Ruth Cline, Cameron, Mo.; four brothers, H. E., Norman G., and P. C. Cline, Whitesville, Mo., and Mrs. Lula White, St. Joseph. The body will arrive here at 1:55 this afternoon and the funeral services will be conducted at 3 this afternoon from the Fleeman-McNeil funeral home. Rev. S. I. Myers will officiate. Burial will be at Ashland cemetery.

## $3,000 to Wife to Fight Divorce

White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Alice Beatrice Rhinelander of Rochelle, bride of Leonard Kipt Rhinelander, wealthy son of one of New York's most aristocratic families, will receive $300 a month alimony and $3,000 counsel fees pending the marriage annulment action taken by her husband, charging her with fraud in representing herself to be "white."

The order was signed today by Superior Court Justice, Arthur S. Thompson, following arguments to motion when it was alleged by the counsel for Rhinelander that her father, George Jones, a jitney driver, signed himself, "colored," in his naturalization papers filed in White Plains.

**Buys M. A. Hahn Farm.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Doyle of Maryville have purchased from M. A. Hahn the north eighty of the Ben Howard farm located four miles north of the Burlington station. Possession will be given March 1.

Mrs. Bello Davenport and son, Donald, spent Christmas day at the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Dale Vanfossan and family of Bolckow.

Mat. Sat. 2:30-4:10
Night, 7:30-9:00
ELECTRIC THEATRE
Admission 10c and 30c
TONIGHT ONLY—ALL STAR CAST in "TROUBLES OF A BRIDE." Also a two reel western "BETWEEN FIRES".
MONDAY AND TUESDAY, DEC. 29 and 30—
Richard Talmadge and Mildred Harris in "Sleeping Lively"
Action that whizzes—romance that flames—drama that grips—suspense that chokes—and a series of stunning thrills that will make you wonder how this intrepid young star ever came through alive. Also Monday's comedy "GREEN GROCERS."

Wives of today -
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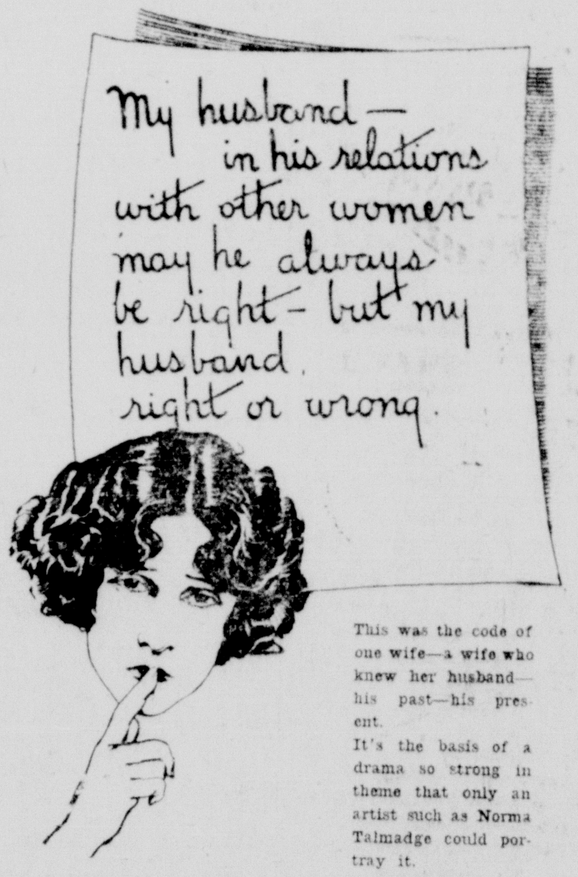


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